



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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TO: Registered Providers of H1N1 Vaccine

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SUBJECT: Update on H1N1 Vaccine Distribution

**Thank you for pre-registering to receive the Influenza A (H1N1) 2009 Monovalent Vaccine from the Connecticut Department of Public Health.**

The amount of H1N1 vaccine available is much **less** than the priority or subset target groups identified by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). The priority / subset target groups identified by the ACIP are as follows:

- Pregnant women
- Persons who live with or provide care for infants aged <6 months (e.g., parents, siblings, and daycare providers)
- Health-care and emergency medical services personnel who have direct contact with patients or infectious material
- Children aged 6 months–4 years
- Children and adolescents aged 5–18 years who have medical conditions that put them at higher risk for influenza-related complications

To view the ACIP statement in its entirety, visit  
[www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr58e0821a1.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr58e0821a1.htm).

We are using the submitted provider profiles to send vaccine to providers best able to reach persons in the target groups. As H1N1 vaccine supply increases, we will be able to expand immunization efforts to include the entire target group and then eventually to anyone that wishes to receive the vaccine. As the groups targeted for vaccination change, we will communicate with you these changes via a memo.

We have pre-registered over 1700 providers interested in receiving the H1N1 vaccine, ranging from large pediatric practices to long term care facilities to occupational health businesses. Individual registered sites may not be asked to submit an order until we are able to expand our H1N1 immunization efforts to additional segments of the population in Connecticut. Registered providers will receive a memo from the Immunization Program once they are able to order vaccine. If you see patients in the priority group listed above, but have not received vaccine as of yet from the Immunization Program, we ask that you refer your patients to their Mass Dispensing/Vaccination Areas, which are geographically defined areas for the purpose of running clinics coordinated by local

health departments and public health staff. Patients can be referred to [www.ct.gov/dph/mda](http://www.ct.gov/dph/mda) or the H1N1 Influenza Hotline at 1-800-830-9426.

If you have any questions, we have prepared a question and answer document for providers, available at [http://www.ct.gov/ctfluwatch/lib/ctfluwatch/h1n1/provider\\_vaccine\\_qa.pdf](http://www.ct.gov/ctfluwatch/lib/ctfluwatch/h1n1/provider_vaccine_qa.pdf). If you have any additional questions not addressed in this document, call the Immunization Program at (860) 509-7929.