



# County of Yolo

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**TO: Yolo County Medical Providers and Medical Response Partners**

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**SUBJECT: Health Advisory for Partners: Update on Novel H1N1 Influenza Virus,  
Vaccine and Recommendations #9**

We are sending this Health Advisory for **partner agencies** in Yolo County to provide you with the latest available information about Novel H1N1 Influenza. Please refer to earlier advisories and web links including the Yolo County website for more details. We will send regular updates as new information becomes available.

### **Situational update:**

Novel H1N1 Influenza is widespread throughout the entire United States. Novel H1N1 continues to account for almost all of the circulating influenza in California and throughout the nation. Novel H1N1 Influenza continues to be widespread and increasing in California. There have been 4820 hospitalizations and 266 deaths due to Novel H1N1 reported to date in California. There have been 20 hospitalized cases and 4 deaths due to Novel H1N1 reported in Yolo County. Tamiflu resistance continues to be rare with only three cases identified in California.

### **Novel H1N1 vaccine update:**

- **A limited supply of various formulations of Novel H1N1 vaccine has been delivered to local providers. It is recommended that this limited supply be prioritized for those who are at the very highest risk for complications of Novel H1N1. This would include: caretakers of infants less than 6 months, pregnant women, very young children, children with serious chronic illness, and health care workers regularly working with ill patients.**
- **Yolo County Health Department does not yet have Novel H1N1 vaccine available for the general public, even for those in target groups. As soon as enough vaccine is available, the Health Department will coordinate with each city to offer a public Point of Dispensing (POD) for all.**
- **As soon as vaccine is available in sufficient quantity to do so, vaccination of all target groups should commence. Target groups include: caretakers of infants < 6 months, pregnant women, children and young adults 6 months to 24 years, health care workers, and adults 25 to < 65 years with underlying chronic health conditions.**

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- Providers and partners are asked to **please continue to be patient**. Orders for local vaccine have been placed and the State is filling orders almost daily as vaccine arrives. However, supply is still much lower than had been hoped for by this time.
- Points of Dispensing (PODs) for giving Novel H1N1 vaccine are being planned but cannot be scheduled until there is sufficient vaccine available.
- **Novel H1N1 vaccine is expected to be very safe**. It has been produced in the same way, in the same formulations, and by the same producers as seasonal influenza vaccine.
- **Novel H1N1 Vaccine Information Sheets (VIS)** are now available in English, Spanish, and several other languages at:  
[http://eziz.org/resources/materials\\_h1n1.html](http://eziz.org/resources/materials_h1n1.html).
- **An exemption to the Mercury Free Vaccine Act** has been granted by the State so that the Novel H1N1 vaccine can still be administered to children under 3 years and pregnant women even if a thimerosal-free vaccine is not available.

**Remember: wash your hands, cover your cough, and stay home if you are ill!**

#### **Sources for Novel H1N1 Information for Partners and the Public:**

A publication for **community and faith-based organizations** entitled "H1N1 Flu: A Guide for Community and Faith-Based Organizations" is available at:  
<http://www.flu.gov/professional/community/cfboguidance.pdf>.

Information sheets for the **public** on a variety of Novel H1N1 topics are available in English and 10 other languages, including Spanish, Russian, Korean and Arabic at:  
<http://www.flu.gov/know.html>.

Guidance for **school planning for educators** from preschool through college is available at:  
<http://www.flu.gov/professional/school/index.html>. Additional information is available from the California Department of Education, including information about ADA (average daily attendance) credit during an emergency, at: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/hn/h1n1flu.asp>.

#### **Web sites for additional information:**

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Novel H1N1 influenza home page:  
<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/>.

California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Novel H1N1 Influenza home page:  
<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/HealthInfo/discond/Pages/SwineInfluenza.aspx>

Yolo County Health Department Novel H1N1 home page (links to other websites):  
[www.yolohealth.org/health](http://www.yolohealth.org/health) , "What's New."