

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
[AMENDED] ORDER TO CONTROL INFLUENZA VACCINATION
Effective December 13, 2004

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED BY THE STATE PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER, pursuant to sections 100180 and 120140 of the California Health and Safety Code **THAT ALL HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS IN CALIFORNIA SHALL LIMIT INFLUENZA VACCINATION TO PERSONS IN HIGH RISK CATEGORIES.** Health care providers shall refrain from vaccinating individuals not included in the priority groups listed below.

For purposes of this order:

“Health care provider” means any person authorized under the laws of California to administer influenza vaccinations.

“High risk categories” means:

- (1) All children aged 6–23 months;
- (2) All adults age 65 years or older
- (3) Persons aged 2–64 years with underlying chronic medical conditions;
- (4) All women who will be pregnant during the influenza season;
- (5) Residents of nursing homes and long-term care facilities;
- (6) Children aged 6 months–18 years on chronic aspirin therapy;
- (7) Health-care workers involved in direct patient care, including employees of nursing homes and long-term care facilities.

Categories added by this Order include:

- (7) Adults aged 50-64 years or age;
- (8) Out-of-home caregivers and household contacts of groups 1 through 6, above; and
- (9) Emergency services personnel, including medical, fire, law enforcement

This Order does not include live, attenuated influenza virus vaccines, such as FluMist®, which can be given to any healthy person between the ages of 5 to 49 years who is not pregnant.

It is further ordered that health care providers and others that possess influenza vaccine cooperate with local health officers to assess vaccine supply and coordinate vaccination of persons in high risk categories.

It is further ordered that local health officers provide this Order to Control Influenza Vaccination to health care providers in their jurisdiction, and that this order be prominently posted in locations where influenza vaccination is administered.

This order shall take effect immediately, and shall supersede the “Order to Control Influenza Vaccination” dated October 8, 2004.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

RICHARD J. JACKSON, M.D., M.P.H.
CALIFORNIA STATE PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER

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