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## Pandemic Influenza H1N1 Vaccine Pre-Registration Information

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Dear Healthcare Partner,

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has announced that - **beginning September 1, 2009** - providers may pre-register for free H1N1 vaccine. Please see the attached flyer or go to [www.CalPanFlu.org](http://www.CalPanFlu.org) for details and to pre-register.

Vaccine for H1N1 is anticipated to become available to providers beginning in mid-October. Though registration and distribution will be managed by CDPH, the Orange County Health Care Agency is actively coordinating with local providers and stakeholders, such as your agency/organization, to ensure pandemic H1N1 influenza vaccine is available to providers who serve priority groups identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). These groups include:

- Pregnant women
- People who live with, or care for, children younger than 6 months of age
- Healthcare and emergency services personnel (with priority to those with direct patient contact)
- People 6 months through 24 years of age (with priority to those 6 months through 4 years of age)
- People aged 25 through 64 years who have health conditions (chronic health disorders or compromised immune systems) associated with a higher risk of medical complications from influenza (with priority to those 5 through 18 years of age).

Your partnership in this effort is critical in promoting the health of our community and I encourage you to pre-register as soon as possible.

As we approach the fall season we expect to see an increase in influenza activity. In addition to vaccinations, good infection control is a key component in reducing transmission of H1N1. Please encourage employees and patients to wash hands frequently, cover coughs and sneezes, and stay home when they are ill. Attached are posters you may use in your offices to promote these simple but effective measures. These are also available for download at <http://ochealthinfo.com/h1n1/providers/poster>.

For further information on vaccination and other H1N1 information and resources, please visit our website at <http://ochealthinfo.com/h1n1/providers/>. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Immunization Assistance Project at (714) 834-8560.

Sincerely,

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