



Pandemic Influenza H1N1 Vaccine is coming soon!

The California Department of Public Health and California's local health departments are calling all parties interested in providing this vaccine...

- Clinics, public and private
- Community Health Centers
- Community vaccinators
- Employee health programs
- Health plans
- Hospitals
- Pharmacies, chain and independent
- Physicians
- Other vaccinators

Starting by September 1, 2009, go to www.CalPanFlu.org.

1. Pre-register for vaccine

Sign up to receive H1N1 vaccine as it becomes available.

Pre-registration:

- ▶ is not a binding commitment to provide vaccine
- ▶ can *only* be done by (or in conjunction with) a physician licensed to practice medicine in California
- ▶ lets California Vaccines for Children (VFC) providers use their PIN number for fast-track identification

2. Order vaccine

Vaccine is in production and currently expected to first be available by mid-October.

Vaccine and basic supplies will be delivered at **no cost to you**. Providers may bill public and private insurers for vaccine administration fees.

- ▶ **HOW:** Pre-register and order early to minimize delays. (*Note: Pre-registration and ordering do not guarantee receipt of vaccine*)
- ▶ **WHEN:** Timing and amount of vaccine deliveries will depend on available inventory. First deliveries are expected by mid-October or later.
- ▶ **WHO:** Initial orders will go to vaccinators serving at-risk population groups. Other requests will be filled in turn, as supply permits.

3. Receive vaccine information and updates

- ▶ vaccine availability
- ▶ storage and handling
- ▶ training on vaccination
- ▶ the pandemic in California

4. Report your H1N1 vaccine usage

- ▶ Instructions are available to complete a simple weekly report on H1N1 vaccine at your medical practice

Additional information will soon be available at www.CalPanFlu.org.

Thank you for your interest in protecting California from pandemic influenza!

What this means for Contra Costa County EMS Stakeholders:

If you plan to offer H1N1 flu vaccine to your personnel through your agency, this effort must be coordinated with your EMS provider agency occupational health physician or EMS agency medical director. Consult with these physicians to ensure you have the appropriate permissions, and the roles and responsibilities for your provider agency's H1N1 flu vaccination plan are understood.

H1N1 flu vaccine and ancillary supplies (including syringes, alcohol wipes, sharps containers) will be provided for FREE by the federal government.

All agencies **planning** on giving vaccine to their personnel should pre-register at CalPanFlu.org.

Steps to receive H1N1 vaccine:

- **Develop your agency's H1N1 vaccination plan, including doses requested, vaccine storage and strategy for administration to personnel**

- **To Pre-register at CalPanFlu.org**

Agencies will need to provide the following information:

Vaccine storage capability

Medical Director's/Occupational Health Physician's CA Medical License Number

Type of persons to be vaccinated, e.g. EMS, health care workers, etc.

Your agency will need to "sign" a provider agreement stating you cannot charge for the vaccine itself

If the EMS Provider Agency is unable to offer a H1N1 vaccine to their personnel, H1N1 flu vaccine will also be available through:

Your agency contracted Occupational Health Provider

Primary care providers and health plans

Other community providers – check chealth.org for updated information

Federal and State Guidelines for charging an administration fee for the H1N1 Vaccine have not yet been determined as of 9/1/09. If administration fees are allowed they will need to be in compliance with federal and state guidelines.

If you wish to have your own paramedics give H1N1 vaccine contact Pat Frost (pfrost@hsd.cccounty.us) at Contra Costa EMS to begin the process of getting appropriate permissions for this increase in scope. Contra Costa will need to receive authorization from the State EMS Authority and it is not yet known how long this process will take, so plan ahead.

California State EMSA is working with several local EMS Agencies to develop the paramedic training and protocols for paramedic H1N1 vaccine administration. The timeline on when this training is available is not yet known but is anticipated to be soon. The training will be disseminated when available by Contra Costa EMS.