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Notice to Immunization Providers

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Re: Pre-registration for Healthcare Providers Interested in Receiving and Administering the 2009 Novel H1N1 Influenza A Vaccine

This fall, to protect the public from the 2009 H1N1 pandemic influenza virus, the federal government will provide states with H1N1 vaccine and supplies (needles, syringes, sharps containers, alcohol swabs) at no cost to states. The federal government estimates that approximately 120 million doses will be available over the first month of shipping and that enough vaccine will be distributed to fully meet U.S. demand in less than 6 months. In partnership with local health departments, the Kansas Department of Health & Environment (KDHE) will be responsible for directing the shipment of the vaccine and supplies in the State of Kansas.

In an effort to create as many access points to vaccination as possible, state and local public health agencies will need to partner with private sector immunization providers to administer H1N1 vaccine. KDHE is extending the opportunity to receive and administer H1N1 vaccine to all interested immunizing healthcare providers (including hospitals, clinics, pharmacists and community vaccinators) once vaccine supplies are sufficient. Private sector providers will be permitted to charge an administration fee; however, the conditions of this federal program have not been finalized. KDHE invites healthcare providers interested in having vaccine and supplies shipped to their facility to pre-register to receive information about the program at no cost and with no obligation.

Pre-registered providers will receive email updates about the H1N1 vaccination program, including information to prepare for storing, handling and administering H1N1 vaccine properly. An H1N1 pandemic influenza vaccine provider agreement is in development by HHS and CDC. Pre-registered providers will receive the provider agreement through the local health department (LHD) in the county where immunizations will occur. Once finalized, the LHD will submit the agreement to KDHE and the provider will receive instructions for ordering vaccine. Only those providers who meet the conditions of the provider agreement will receive vaccine. Because the federal program is under development, KDHE cannot guarantee that all pre-registered providers will receive vaccine directly shipped to them or what the timing or size of vaccine shipments will be. Vaccine may be available for distribution to private providers by mid-October. To register your potential interest in the administration of H1N1 vaccine, go to the [H1N1 Vaccine Provider Pre-registration](#).

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