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Health Alert

H1N1 Vaccine Update

Letter from the State Health Commissioner

Dear Colleagues,

The production of the 2009 H1N1 vaccine has reached a peak and we now have plenty of vaccine available to Indiana. If you want to have vaccine in your facility for residents and staff, please complete the attached provider agreement and fax it to 317-233-8827. Once we receive your provider agreement we can send you an order form and have the vaccine directly shipped to your facility. The minimum order is 100 doses. We do require that vaccinations are documented into CHIRP – our statewide vaccine registry which is internet based. The vaccine and supplies are free. You can charge an administration fee not to exceed the allowable rate of \$19.59. Nursing homes may need to review the allowed reimbursement charges for each resident as Medicare or Medicaid reimbursement procedures may not allow the facility to charge the administration fee for those nursing home residents.

If you have questions please contact Angie Cierzniewski at 317-234-3072.

Wishing you safe and happy holidays.

Judy Monroe, MD
State Health Commissioner

H1N1 Update

H1N1 vaccine is now available to all health care providers for administration. Many nursing facilities have indicated a desire to provide the H1N1 vaccination for its residents, staff, and even family members. State and federal regulations require a nursing facility to offer influenza vaccination to its residents and staff. As discussed above, to obtain vaccine the provider needs to send a completed [provider agreement](#) to the ISDH. Once the department receives the provider agreement, the department will send the facility an order form. Once requested, the vaccine will be sent directly to the facility. There is no cost for the vaccine.

Thank you for assisting with this important vaccination program. While the number of cases of H1N1 appears to have declined slightly in the past few weeks, there are still a sizable number of new cases and there is a continued probability of additional waves of cases over the coming months. Facilities are encouraged to ensure appropriate vaccinations and increased attention to infection control practices.



Happy Holidays!

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