



Questions and Answers from the State Department of Health and Senior Services
Clinician Conference Call
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Seasonal Flu Vaccine

Q. Will the seasonal flu vaccine that includes the H1N1 strain be produced in time for flu season?

A. CDC will continue to monitor production of the new seasonal vaccine. We encourage clinicians to keep the H1N1 vaccine until its expiration date or until we hear more about seasonal flu vaccine production.

Q. Are there any talking points available to providers to anticipate questions about vaccinating those with the new seasonal flu vaccine (that includes the H1N1 strain) that have already received the H1N1 vaccine?

A. The Department anticipates updating these very soon and has reached out to the CDC for guidance.

Q. Will providers be obtaining the seasonal flu vaccine through the normal distribution routes?

A. Yes, the Department anticipates that providers will procure vaccine through the normal manufacturing plant channels.

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Q. Can the “Unknown” be identified in the “doses administered chart by county” (slide 14)?

A. No. The Department is looking into making this field mandatory.

Q. In the “doses shipped by provider type” list (slide 9), why are physicians and employee health grouped together?

A. The Department wanted to capture the private physicians and private corporations that provided vaccinations. This is not to be confused with hospitals, FQHCs or school employee health departments.

Vaccine Registry

Q. It seems that the H1N1 statistics in the New Jersey Immunization Information System (NJIIS) are not accurate. Is this correct?

A. Yes. We are in the process of troubleshooting this. DHSS welcomes any information from providers and will forward it to the IT department.