



H1N1 Provider Briefing

Date: February 3, 2010
To: All Healthcare Providers
From: Director of Health, David R. Gifford, MD, MPH
Re: Information on H1N1 in Rhode Island

Local Influenza Activity Level: Local¹; H1N1 predominant circulating strain
Rhode Island²: 366 hospitalized cases, 10 deaths
Sentinel Surveillance (% of visits due to influenza-like illness): Rhode Island: 0.71%³, New England Region: 0.80%, Nation: 1.82%

Rhode Islanders vaccinated against H1N1 to date

- School-age children vaccinated in HEALTH's second round of school-based clinics: 26,649 (clinics are ongoing through February 5)
- Total number of Rhode Islanders vaccinated in all venues: 356,342 (143,658 needed to reach 500K by Valentine's Day)

Voluntary vaccine recalls

There have been two non-safety-related voluntary recalls of H1N1 influenza vaccine announced by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) this week. These recalls are not related to concerns over the safety or efficacy of the vaccine, and patients who received vaccine from the affected lots do not have to be re-vaccinated. Both recalls affect certain lots of pre-filled syringes of Sanofi Pasteur vaccine. Doses from lots recalled Monday, February 1 are no longer viable and should be removed from providers' shelves. Doses from lots recalled Tuesday, February 2 have a modified expiration date of February 15, 2010 but are still currently viable. **HEALTH will reach out to all practices that received H1N1 vaccine from recalled lots by Thursday, February 4 with further instructions.** Details and affected lot numbers are available at <http://www.cdc.gov/H1N1flu/HAN/012910.htm> for the first recall and attached to this briefing for the second recall.

Volunteers needed for free public vaccination clinics

The following Rhode Island cities and towns need additional healthcare providers to assist with free public H1N1 vaccination clinics in upcoming weeks:

- Richmond (2/6): Pharmacist
- Warren (2/6): Pharmacist
- Johnston (2/7): Pharmacist
- Providence (2/13): Doctor, Pharmacist
- East Providence (2/13): Doctor, Pharmacist
- Foster (2/13): Pharmacist
- North Providence (2/17): Pharmacist

Licensed healthcare providers and pharmacists interested in volunteering at these clinics or at other free public clinics should contact Amy Grzybowski at the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency: (401) 462-7335 or amy.grzybowski@us.army.mil.

¹ Rhode Island upgraded to local activity for the week of January 24 to 30, 2010. For details see <http://www.health.ri.gov/flu/about/surveillance/>.

² Confirmed and probable H1N1 hospitalizations and deaths since September 1, 2009

³ Influenza-like illness activity reported by 23 sentinel surveillance sites from January 17 to 23, 2010

Free public vaccination clinic schedule

Free public clinics will continue operating at various locations through mid-February. Vaccine at these clinics is only available to those who are 18 years of age and older. Individuals do not have to present identification and can attend any clinic, regardless of where they live. In the next seven days, the following clinics will run:

- February 4; Woonsocket High School (777 Cass Ave., **Woonsocket**); 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- February 6; The Melrose School (76 Melrose Ave., **Jamestown**); 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- February 6; Chariho High School (455 Switch Road, **Richmond**); 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- February 6; The Job Corps Center (162 Main St., **Exeter**) 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- February 6; Kickemuit Middle School (525 Child St., **Warren**) 12 p.m. – 4 p.m.
- February 7; Johnston Senior Center (1291 Hartford Ave., **Johnston**) 12 p.m. – 4 p.m.
- February 7; Gaudet Middle School (1113 Aquidneck Ave., **Middletown**) 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- February 9; Barrington High School (220 Lincoln Ave., **Barrington**) 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- February 9; Portsmouth High School (120 Education Lane, **Portsmouth**) 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- February 10; Narragansett High School (245 South Pier Road, **Narragansett**) 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.

To view the complete schedule, see: <http://www.health.ri.gov/flu/about/freepublic1n1clinics/index.php>.

Non-H1N1 HEALTH Update: Guidance for relief workers and others traveling to Haiti

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued guidance for those traveling to Haiti to assist with the humanitarian response following the January 12 earthquake. This guidance includes information on recommended vaccines, infectious diseases, protective health measures, and stress management. Providers caring for individuals returning from Haiti should consider possible infectious illnesses more common to that area as appropriate (e.g. Malaria, TB, and Hepatitis A). To learn more, see <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/content/news-announcements/relief-workers-haiti.aspx>.

Resources

- HEALTH at <http://www.health.ri.gov>;
- Archived provider briefings and regular news updates: <http://www.health.ri.gov/news/flu/>
- H1N1 Information Line (M-F 8:30am- 4:30pm) 401-222-8022
- H1N1 email address h1n1@health.ri.gov
- <http://www.flu.gov>

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING SANOFI PASTEUR'S
INFLUENZA A (H1N1) 2009 MONOVALENT VACCINE IN PREFILLED SYRINGES**

February 3, 2010

Dear Health-Care Professional:

This letter is to inform you that some lots of Influenza A (H1N1) 2009 Monovalent Vaccine in pre-filled syringes will have a shorter expiration period than indicated on the label. The following lots are affected by the shorter dating period:

**Influenza A (H1N1) 2009 Monovalent Vaccine in Prefilled Syringes
Expiration Date Change**

Product Code (NDC)	Description	Lot Number	Labeled Expiration Date	Re-Assigned Expiration Date
49281-650-25	0.25mL syringes in 10-packs	UT014AA	March 4, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UT014BA	March 4, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UT014CA	March 4, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UT014DA	March 4, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UT014FA	March 27, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UT014EA	March 25, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UT029DA	April 7, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UT029BA	April 6, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UT029CA	April 6, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UT029EA	April 8, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UT030EA	April 10, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UT030FA	April 11, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UT033CA	April 12, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UT033DA	April 12, 2011	February 15, 2010

Product Code (NDC)	Description	Lot Number	Labeled Expiration Date	Re-Assigned Expiration Date
49281-650-50	0.5mL syringes in 10-packs	UP033CA	April 16, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UP036CA	April 19, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UP034BB	April 22, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UP036EA	May 3, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UP037CA	April 30, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UP037DA	May 2, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UP048CA	May 6, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UP040CA	May 4, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UP048DA	May 9, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UP049FA	May 16, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UP049CA	May 11, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UP049DA	May 13, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UP035BA	April 15, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UP059DA	May 16, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UP060CA	May 17, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UP060DA	May 19, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UT047BA	May 11, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UP033AB	April 9, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UP041BA	April 30, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UT041AA	April 29, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UT034AA	April 19, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UT045BA	May 5, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UP061DA	May 21, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UP061FA	May 23, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UP035AA	April 12, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UT048BA	May 12, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UT058BA	May 16, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UT059AA	May 18, 2011	February 15, 2010
UT058AA	May 14, 2011	February 15, 2010		
UT061GA	May 24, 2011	February 15, 2010		
UP045EA	June 9, 2011	February 15, 2010		
49281-650-90	0.5mL syringes in 25-packs	UT036DA	April 26, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UT040BA	April 28, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UT047AA	May 9, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UT046BA	May 9, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UT046AA	May 4, 2011	February 15, 2010

These lots should be used by February 15, 2010 as indicated in the table above regardless of the expiration date imprinted on the package.

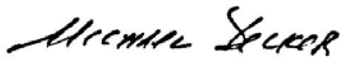
This action applies only to the lots of sanofi pasteur's pandemic vaccine in prefilled syringes listed above. It does not impact any presentations of sanofi pasteur's seasonal influenza vaccine, Fluzone[®], Influenza Virus Vaccine.

You should refer to the Prescribing Information for information on indications and usage, dosage and administration, and safety information. Please ensure that all unused, expired product is discarded in an appropriate manner, or you may return the product for destruction to Sanofi Pasteur Inc., c/o Capital Returns at 6101 N. 64th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53218.

For further information on this action, please visit sanofi pasteur's Web site, www.vaccineshoppe.com.

We appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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