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H1N1 Vaccine Bulletin



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Vaccine Supply Updates

Public Health - Seattle & King County is now posting vaccine supply and allocation updates on our website on Fridays. Based on the best available information from the federal government, King County may receive up to 60,000 doses per week in the coming weeks.

For more information on vaccine supply, please check our website on Fridays:
www.kingcounty.gov/health/H1N1.

Vaccine in Pharmacies

As we notified providers earlier this week, Public Health - Seattle & King County has begun distributing vaccine to pharmacies. We expect that this ongoing strategy will help ensure vaccine access to those individuals without a healthcare provider and also for those whose healthcare provider is not enrolled to receive H1N1 vaccine.

The majority of vaccine in King County will continue to be distributed to hospitals and other health care providers to vaccinate high risk patients.

Information about pharmacy locations, hours and vaccine availability will be posted on our website at the end of this week:
www.kinacounty.gov/health/H1N1

You may direct clients and the public here, to find out where and when vaccine is available.

Vaccine Allocation FAQs

"I received vaccine, but it is less than 10% of my total order for the season."

If your order contained a large proportion of formulations that have only recently become available (e.g. prefilled syringes), your allocation may be less than 10% of your total order. We will fill your order as requested formulations become available.

"I received a fax to pick-up <100 doses at the Public Health Distribution Center. Can I wait until more is allocated to me to come get it?"

Yes, you may wait until a larger amount of vaccine is available for your facility. However, this may not be for some time. Please notify us by email if you would like to wait for additional vaccine:
H1N1vaccine@kingcounty.gov.

"I sent a 'refill' email but have not yet received more vaccine."

When you are ready for additional vaccine, you should email H1N1vaccine@kingcounty.gov with "REFILL" in the subject line. Include your contact information and PIN in the body of the email as well as doses on hand, by formulation (if any). This will put you in the queue to receive additional vaccine, as it becomes available, but does not automatically ship vaccine to you. You will receive an email or fax confirmation when additional vaccine is on its way or ready for pick-up.

"I filled out my order form for one month. How do I change it to reflect a full season?"

If you need to update your order, email H1N1vaccine@kingcounty.gov with "REVISED ORDER TOTALS" in the subject line. Include your contact information and PIN, changes to the order, as well as the reason for the revision in the body of the email.

About the Bulletin
Public Health -Seattle & King County will be issuing weekly bulletins on H1N1 influenza (swine flu) vaccine to keep our healthcare partners aware of current vaccine policies and activities. This bulletin will include information on ordering, receiving, administering and reporting use of H1N1 vaccine.

REPORTING REMINDER:

You have a responsibility to report vaccine use to the Public Health Department. For more information, contact your local health officer.

Local Health Officer
Public Health Department
206-296-4774

Ordering Information
Public Health Department
206-296-4774

206-296-4774
H1N1vaccine@kingcounty.gov

Ordering Information
206-296-1173

Note to smaller providers: If you have been instructed to pick up vaccine at the Public Health Distribution Center, we will confirm with you when your order is ready for pick-up. Please do not come to the Distribution Center without confirmation. Thank you.

Prescriptions

Please note that a small number of pharmacies may be requiring prescriptions to vaccinate young children. Public Health will ask parents to wait until they have a pharmacy appointment scheduled to request such a prescription, to limit the burden on your offices.

Please let us know if you are being asked for prescriptions unnecessarily.

Flu Hotline

Public Health's Flu Hotline (877-903-5464) is receiving calls from approximately 1,000 residents per day, requesting medical information about H1N1 flu and information about vaccine.

What the Flu Hotline can provide

The Flu Hotline is staffed Monday – Friday, 9 am – 5 pm to provide King County residents with:

- Answers to general health and safety questions about H1N1 influenza, including home care, vaccine safety, and preventative tips.
- Medical advice and triage from nurses.
- Information about vaccine availability in pharmacies.

Interpreters are available during staffed hotline hours (above). When no staff is available, callers can listen to recorded information in English and Spanish, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

At this time, the Hotline cannot provide information to the public about which medical providers have vaccine. Individuals in the high-risk priority groups are being encouraged to connect with their provider directly to determine when and how vaccine will become available. If you do not plan to order and offer vaccine, please let your patients know.

Tips for Vaccine Administration

Since the H1N1 vaccine and Ancillary Supply Kits from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have been arriving, we have heard concerns about the supply kits, as well as some issues around vaccine administration. Below are some guidelines and suggestions for vaccine administration.

Needle Size: The needles supplied by the CDC are on the large side. Feel free to use different needles from your own clinic if this becomes problematic for you or your patients. You are not able to exchange needles for different sizes.

To Prevent Vaccine from Leaking : When filling syringes, you must firmly twist the needle (approximately 1/2 turn) into the hub of the syringe. When removing the cap to draw vaccine from a multi-dose vial, tightly hold the end of the cap and pull straight back, being careful not to twist the needle. If the needle cap has been replaced after drawing up vaccine, be careful not to twist the needle when removing the needle cap prior to vaccinating the patient.

To Activate the Needle Retraction Mechanism: BD Integra retractable needles are safety engineered to retract directly into the barrel of the syringe. If the needle is difficult to retract, withdraw the needle from the patient prior to attempting to retract. Immediately place syringe in sharps container.

Online Education Opportunities: To view a brief video on the Becton Dickinson website to demonstrate the appropriate use of the BD Integra needle, please click the following link:
http://www.bd.com/videos/safety/integra_syringe.aspx

Upcoming Webinar on Needle and Syringe Use: CDC is planning to host a webinar so that health care providers and vaccine planners can receive proper instruction on the use of the four different brands of needles and syringes that may be included with the H1N1 vaccine Ancillary Supply Kits. Check the following link for updates on this and other resources for providers:
<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/clinicians/>

Provide Feedback to CDC on Ancillary Supply Kits: The CDC has established an online feedback system to collect feedback regarding H1N1 Ancillary Supply Kits. If there are issues with any H1N1 Ancillary Supply Kit products including needles, syringes, sharps containers, or alcohol swabs, please go to:
http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=Z_2fmag_hafsYMkVyhooOMOWw_3d_3d

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