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HEALTH ALERT PRIORITY #263

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Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Availability

The Erie County Department of Health (ECDOH) currently has a very limited supply of seasonal trivalent, inactivated influenza vaccine that will be made available to community healthcare providers in Erie County for their patients and staff at no cost. Vaccine for use in adults and children, ages 3 years and older, will be made available on a first come, first served basis. This vaccine has been provided at no cost by the NYSDOH through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA); therefore, you may not charge patients or insurance carriers for the cost of the vaccine. However, an administration fee may be charged. If you choose to accept this vaccine, you must agree in writing to report dose administration information back to the ECDOH in a timely manner according to stringent federal requirements.

Vaccine Ordering Details:

- Please complete the attached form and fax to (716) 961-6897 or email to doh@erie.gov by close of business Tuesday, December 1.
- Please indicate both the total number of doses requested and the number of doses that will be used in a two-week time period.
- Based on total number of doses ordered by community providers, it may be necessary to only partially fill your requests.
- All vaccine must be picked up at the Erie County Department of Health at BB Building, 462 Grider Street, Buffalo between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM Monday – Friday.
- Providers must ensure that proper cold chain storage and transport requirements are met.

Although additional shipments of seasonal flu vaccine may be received in the next several weeks, ultimately we may not be able to meet all of your patients' needs. Therefore, we ask that you initially prioritize this seasonal vaccine to your highest risk patients.

Health Category Definitions:

Health Alert FLASH: conveys the highest level of importance due to a large-scale, catastrophic public health emergency; warrants immediate action or attention

Health Alert Priority: conveys the highest level of importance; warrants immediate action or attention to a health problem or situation

Health Advisory: provides important information for a specific incident or situation; may not require immediate action

Health Update: provides updated information regarding an incident or situation; no immediate action necessary

The ECDOH Health Alert & Advisory System is an e-mail notification system designed to alert community partners about important health related information. You can sign up to receive alerts & advisories at www.erie.gov/health/services/health_professionals.asp.

Only providers that are enrolled in Erie County Department of Health's Health Alert Network are eligible to receive seasonal influenza vaccine.

The Erie County Department of Health does not provide medical advice. The information provided herein and on the Erie County Department of Health website is not intended as a substitute for professional medical advice, diagnosis, or treatment. Always seek the advice of your personal physician or other qualified health provider with any questions you may have regarding a medical condition or issue. Never disregard professional medical advice or delay in seeking it because of the content found on the Erie County Department of Health website or this correspondence.



Healthcare Facility
Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Request Form
Please Return via FAX to: (716) 961-6897
or EMAIL to: doh@erie.gov

Medical Practice Name _____
Address _____

Office Phone (____) _____
Office Fax (____) _____
E-Mail _____
Authorizing Representative _____
Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

Medical Practice Type (check those that apply):

Pediatric _____
Family _____
Adult _____
Other (please indicate) _____

Total number of doses requested: _____

Number of doses that can be administered
in a 2-week period: _____

Upon receipt of your request, a representative of the Erie County Department of Health will contact the Authorizing Representative of the requester's medical facility to make arrangements for pick-up of Seasonal Influenza Vaccine.
Any questions or clarifications of requests should be directed to (716) 961-6860.