

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

HARRISBURG

THE SECRETARY

August 25, 2009

Dear Provider:

The Pennsylvania Department of Health (Department) is extending the opportunity to health care providers, pharmacists, schools and other potential vaccinators to provide the H1N1 influenza vaccine for administration to persons who fall within the targeted groups (enclosure) to receive the vaccine. The vaccine along with items such as needles, syringes, sharps containers, and alcohol swabs will be supplied directly to participating providers at no cost.

In order to participate in the program, providers will first need to pre-register requesting to be a provider of the H1N1 influenza vaccine; however, pre-registration does not obligate or ensure a provider will be chosen for participation. Pre-registered providers will receive email updates about the H1N1 influenza vaccination program and important information to prepare their facility to store, handle and administer the vaccine properly. Those providers selected who place orders and meet the conditions of the H1N1 influenza provider agreement will receive vaccine. Because this program is still under development, the Department cannot guarantee timing or size of shipments.

The pre-registration site will be available on or about September 1, 2009, and we are encouraging providers to pre-register, by completing a brief online registration in the Pennsylvania Statewide Immunization Information System (PA-SIIS) at <https://siis.health.state.pa.us/siis> and select the **H1N1 Online Pre-Registration Request**. Once pre-registration is completed, the provider will be guided through a user tutorial to access the PA-SIIS. Please note that a provider should only register one time.

Additional information and notification regarding the pre-registration site will be forthcoming. For questions or assistance about registration in the PA SIIS please contact the PA-SIIS Help Desk at 1-877-774-4748; all other questions regarding H1N1 influenza vaccination pre-registration contact Dr. John Bart at 717-787-4366.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Everette James". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Everette" and the last name "James" clearly legible.

Everette James

Enclosure



Persons who fall within the targeted groups for H1N1 Vaccine:

- Pregnant women
- Household contacts of children under 6 months
- Persons 6 months to 24 years
- Adults under 65 years with medical conditions
- Healthcare workers and EMS personnel