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H1N1 SWINE FLU VACCINE UPDATE

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Recalled pediatric vaccine

Sanofi Pasteur has issued a voluntary recall for 4 lots of its 0.25mL injectable H1N1 influenza vaccine designed for children 6-35 months. **There are no safety concerns.** The affected lots have slightly diminished amounts of antigen, but immune response to the vaccine is expected to be adequate.

There is no need to re-administer doses already given from these lots. If a child 6-35 months received a first dose from one of these lots, only a second dose will be required, as would be the case for all children this age. If a child 6-35 months received a second dose from one of these lots, there is no need to give a third dose. The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and the manufacturer will be directly contacting those providers in California who have received the recalled vaccine with additional instructions. Providers will be asked to return any vaccine to the manufacturer in the following lots that remains unused to the manufacturer:

While there are 4 lots that are being recalled, California providers have only received doses from one of the affected lots (UT030CA) and **none** from the other 3 lots. This particular lot only came in a 25 pack.

In San Francisco only two sites received doses from this lot of vaccine (1,100 doses in total).

Vaccine Distribution News

California has begun distribution of the third tier of vaccine in the second phase (phase II, tier C). In the City of San Francisco that means that 36,100 more doses will begin arriving next week and should be complete by January 10th, or sooner. Deliveries will not be made on holidays.

Reminder: Exemption to State Thimerosal Law Extended Through September 2010

The initial exemption allowing preservative-containing monovalent H1N1 influenza vaccine to be administered to children younger than 3 years old and pregnant women has been extended for the period of **October 12, 2009 -**

September 30, 2010. The exemption covers the **H1N1 vaccine only.**

Additional information on the [California Mercury Free Vaccine Act](#) is available online.



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