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State of Montana **DPHHS HAN ADVISORY**

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Vaccine Allocation and Ordering Process

This HAN Advisory describes the vaccine distribution process for the 2009 H1N1 Vaccine. Please forward this information to all of you clinical partners.

All 2009 H1N1 vaccine has been purchased by the Federal Government and is being allocated to States based on population estimates and distributed through a centralized distribution process.

Each week the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) notifies the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) Immunization Program, regarding the quantity and type of vaccine that is expected to be shipped to Montana. Based on this information, DPHHS then allocates a percentage of the state's total supply of the 2009 H1N1 vaccine to each county and tribe based on population estimates.

All 2009 H1N1 vaccine will be shipped directly to local county and tribal health departments. All providers must follow the ACIP recommendations to prioritize vaccine administration to those most at risk of complications associated with infection from H1N1.

DPHHS Subject Matter Expert (SME) Contact:

For questions contact the Immunization Program at (406) 444-5580

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