

## DPHHS HAN

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**From:** DPHHS HAN  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 03, 2010 1:29 PM  
**Subject:** DPHHS HAN ADVISORY 2010 - 10: N95 Mask Surplus and Letter to Hospital CEO's in Montana  
**Attachments:** H1N1 Hosp CEO ltr.pdf; N95 Note.pdf

## State of Montana DPHHS HAN ADVISORY

### Forwarding Instructions:

**FORWARD** to your local HAN contacts

### DPHHS Information / Recommendations:

Please find attached two items. One is information about surplus N95 masks available for ordering. The second is a copy of a letter currently being sent to Hospital CEOs in Montana. Please review these attachments and forward them to your HAN contacts.

### DPHHS Subject Matter Expert (SME) Contact:

For more information contact Dayle Perrin at 444-3898 [dperrin@mt.gov](mailto:dperrin@mt.gov) or Larry Ross at 444-0931 [lross@mt.gov](mailto:lross@mt.gov) with the Hospital Preparedness Program

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March 3, 2010

«Facility\_Name»  
«CEO\_First\_Name» «CEO\_Last\_Name»  
«Address»  
«City», MT «Zip»

Dear «CEO\_First\_Name» «CEO\_Last\_Name»:

As of February 24, 2010, approximately 200,000 Montanans have received H1N1 vaccine in Montana's effort to respond to the first influenza pandemic of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Local public health partners and private medical providers have responded effectively to the challenge, collaborating closely to protect those most at risk by providing the 2009 H1N1 vaccine once it was available.

Health care practitioners with direct patient contact are at an increased risk of infection with influenza and if infected may pose a risk to highly vulnerable populations. Preliminary results from the National 2009 H1N1 Flu Survey (NHFS) and the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) indicate that only about 37% Montana's health care practitioners with direct patient contact have been vaccinated. Initial supply shortages of H1N1 vaccine and, more recently, lack of motivation due to the absence of influenza cases have no doubt dampened the vaccination effort.

Fortunately, new cases of influenza have subsided; very few confirmed cases have been reported in recent weeks. However, influenza is unpredictable and our efforts to protect vulnerable populations will continue over the next few months through vaccination and education as well as continued surveillance for disease.

We are asking your facility to help public health officials improve Montana's H1N1 vaccination coverage rate among all health care practitioners. At the present time, all health jurisdictions have adequate vaccine supplies and can help you protect your practitioners and your patients. We cannot predict whether or not H1N1 influenza will resurface this year but we do know that health care professionals will play a role in responding if it does. Please continue to work with your local public health agency to complete this important task.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steven D. Helgerson".

Steven D. Helgerson, MD, MPH  
State Medical Officer

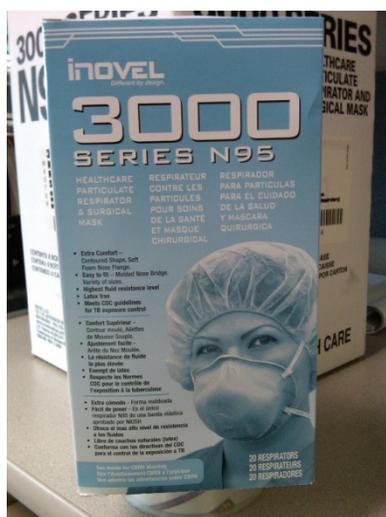
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The Department of Public Health & Human Services has a supply of N95 Respirators available upon request. **There is no charge for this item** and the shipping is included. The following item is available.

## N95 Respirators

Moldex Metrics #3002 (MED) 160 per case



These products have a “use-by” date of 4/2010 and are not intended for long term stockpiling. Individuals using N95 respirators should be fit-tested for that respirator to assure proper fit and optimum protection.

Requests for these products can be made by contacting any of the following individuals:

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444-0931

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A physical address is required for shipping products to your location.