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From: DPHHS HAN
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Subject: DPHHS HAN ADVISORY 2010-9: VIRAL GASTROENTERITIS OUTBREAKS
Attachments: CDC noro-factsheet.pdf; DPHHS Norovirus LTCF Guidelines.pdf; NoroHealthcareFacilitiesFact Sheet.pdf; Chlorine Solution Updated 2008.pdf

State of Montana DPHHS HAN ADVISORY

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VIRAL GASTROENTERITIS OUTBREAKS

Montana is currently experiencing increased levels of norovirus activity, particularly among residents of long-term care facilities and assisted living centers. Since January 1, 2010, a total of 5 different outbreaks occurring in 5 separate Montana communities have sickened approximately 165 residents and staff. Additionally, there have been reports and confirmed cases in 6 counties around the state.

Recommendations

1. Increase active surveillance activities to detect outbreaks and clusters of gastrointestinal illness promptly
2. Share "Guidelines for the Control of Suspected or Confirmed Outbreaks of Viral Gastroenteritis (Norovirus) in Long Term Care Facilities with facilities in your jurisdiction.
3. Consider providing educational information regarding the prevention of norovirus information to the public.

Background

Montana typically incurs an average of seven outbreaks per year in healthcare facilities that can be attributed to either a norovirus or another viral agent. Diarrheal disease outbreaks occurring in an institutional setting are reportable to the local health department and DPHHS.

DPHHS has specific guidelines and recommendations for the control of suspected or confirmed outbreaks of viral gastroenteritis (e.g., norovirus) in long-term care facilities. You are encouraged to share this information among your staff, and to forward it healthcare facilities in your jurisdiction for their benefit. Additionally, local public health authorities may want to consider expanding their active surveillance efforts to include long-term care facilities and other group living settings.

For more information on norovirus: http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/diseases/submenus/sub_norwalk.htm.

Attached for your information:

1. CDC Technical Fact Sheet on noroviruses

2. DPHHS Guidelines for the Control of Suspected or Confirmed Outbreaks of Viral Gastroenteritis (Norovirus) in Long Term Care Facilities
3. DPHHS Norovirus Healthcare Facility Fact Sheet
4. Updated DPHHS Chlorine Solution Dilution Recommendations.

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From: Health Alert Network (CDC) [healthalert@cdc.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, February 02, 2010 4:46 PM
Cc: Health Alert Network (CDC)
Subject: CDC Health Alert update - Sanofi Pasteur Monovalent 2009 (H1N1) Influenza Vaccine in Pre-Filled Syringes - Shortened Shelf Life of Certain Lots

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CDC HEALTH UPDATE

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**Sanofi Pasteur Monovalent 2009 (H1N1) Influenza Vaccine in Pre-Filled Syringes —
Shortened Shelf Life of Certain Lots**

Summary

Sanofi Pasteur has notified CDC and FDA that some lots of monovalent 2009 (H1N1) influenza vaccine in pre-filled syringes will have a shorter expiration period than indicated on the label. The lots of Sanofi Pasteur monovalent 2009 H1N1 influenza vaccine in pre-filled syringes should be used by February 15, 2010, as indicated in the table below regardless of the expiration imprinted on the package. This is to ensure that the vaccine is used while it remains within its potency specification. There are no safety concerns with these lots of 2009 H1N1 vaccine. People who received vaccine from the lots listed below with shortened shelf life do not need to take any action.

Background

As part of its quality assurance program, Sanofi Pasteur performs routine, ongoing stability testing of the vaccine after it has been shipped to providers. Stability testing means measuring the strength of a vaccine over time.

The 50 lots subject to this change in expiration date include approximately 12 million doses. These lots were shipped to providers between November 2009 and January 2010. Although these lots remain potent, they are losing their potency more rapidly than expected, and therefore the shelf life is being shortened. While **most of the doses from these lots are believed to have already been administered**, there are almost certainly some doses that have not yet been used.

The change in expiration date described here is specific to the 50 lots of Sanofi Pasteur 2009 H1N1 influenza vaccine in pre-filled syringes listed below. However, a related recall (See <http://www2a.cdc.gov/HAN/ArchiveSys/ViewMsgV.asp?AlertNum=00306>) was conducted recently, which involved lots from Sanofi Pasteur's 2009 H1N1 vaccine in 0.25 mL and 0.5 mL pre-filled syringes. These actions do not affect Sanofi Pasteur's 2009 H1N1 vaccine in multi-dose vials.

Sanofi Pasteur will send a notification to providers who received doses from any of the 50 lots of vaccine described below.

Lot Information

These lots should be used by February 15, 2010, as indicated in the table below regardless of the expiration date imprinted on the package.

All pre-filled syringes that have not been used by February 15, 2010 should be discarded in an appropriate manner, or you may return the product for destruction to Sanofi Pasteur Inc., c/o Capital Returns at 6101 N. 64th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53218

Influenza A (H1N1) 2009 Monovalent Vaccine in Pre-Filled Syringes

Expiration Date Change

Product Code (NDC)	Description	Lot Number	Labeled Expiration Date	Re-Assigned Expiration Date
49281-650-25	0.25mL	UT014AA	March 4, 2011	February 15, 2010
	syringes in	UT014BA	March 4, 2011	February 15, 2010
	10-packs	UT014CA	March 4, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UT014DA	March 4, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UT014FA	March 27, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UT014EA	March 25, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UT029DA	April 7, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UT029BA	April 6, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UT029CA	April 6, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UT029EA	April 8, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UT030EA	April 10, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UT030FA	April 11, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UT033CA	April 12, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UT033DA	April 12, 2011	February 15, 2010

Product Code (NDC)	Description	Lot Number	Labeled Expiration Date	Re-Assigned Expiration Date
49281-650-50	0.5mL	UP033CA	April 16, 2011	February 15, 2010
	syringes in	UP036CA	April 19, 2011	February 15, 2010
	10-packs	UP034BB	April 22, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UP036EA	May 3, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UP037CA	April 30, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UP037DA	May 2, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UP048CA	May 6, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UP040CA	May 4, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UP048DA	May 9, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UP049FA	May 16, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UP049CA	May 11, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UP049DA	May 13, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UP035BA	April 15, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UP059DA	May 16, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UP060CA	May 17, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UP060DA	May 19, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UT047BA	May 11, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UP033AB	April 9, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UP041BA	April 30, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UT041AA	April 29, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UT034AA	April 19, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UT045BA	May 5, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UP061DA	May 21, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UP061FA	May 23, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UP035AA	April 12, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UT048BA	May 12, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UT058BA	May 16, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UT059AA	May 18, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UT058AA	May 14, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UT061GA	May 24, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UP045EA	June 9, 2011	February 15, 2010
49281-650-90	0.5mL	UT036DA	April 26, 2011	February 15, 2010
	syringes in	UT040BA	April 28, 2011	February 15, 2010
	25-packs	UT047AA	May 9, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UT046BA	May 9, 2011	February 15, 2010
		UT046AA	May 4, 2011	February 15, 2010

For More Information:

- CDC's toll-free information line, 800-CDC-INFO (800-232-4636) TTY: (888) 232-6348, is available 24 hours a day, every day.
- For other inquiries, please contact Sanofi Pasteur Customer Services: 1-800-VACCINE (1-800-822-2463) or visit www.vaccineshoppe.com

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