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** NOTICE: This health alert provides written guidance for health care professionals and others who may need to take action to prevent or control a notifiable condition. It is not intended to provide guidance for the general public.*

Arrival of H1N1 Pandemic Influenza Vaccine

As you are hearing on the news, local communities will begin to receive H1N1 Pandemic Influenza Vaccine as early as next week. The initial shipment of H1N1 Vaccine will be in the form of live, attenuated intra-nasal vaccine - Flumist®. Pediatric and high volume Family Practice clinics will receive this initial shipment of vaccine directly from the manufacturer.

- The Thurston County Health Officer promotes the use of live, attenuated intra-nasal vaccine for those eligible for LAIV so there will be less competition for injectable vaccine for those that cannot receive the intra-nasal vaccine.
- Those eligible to receive live, attenuated intra-nasal vaccine are healthy individuals ages 2 to 49 years. Our target groups include those age 2 to 24 years, household contacts and care givers of infants less than 6 months of age, and health care workers.
- Those NOT eligible to receive live, attenuated intra-nasal vaccine are those who are pregnant, have chronic medical conditions, who are under 2 years of age, or who are 50 or older.
- For further medical information, please select Information for Health Care Providers on the Thurston County Public Health and Social Services web site:
www.co.thurston.wa.us/health/personalhealth/influenza/swineflu.html

Subsequent H1N1 Pandemic Influenza Vaccine shipments will include all vaccine presentations. The Health Department is working with community providers and hospitals to assure that the early shipments of vaccine are used for those in target groups.

In order to be a H1N1 Pandemic Influenza Vaccine provider, providers must meet minimum requirements and enter into a contract with the State of Washington. If you are interested in becoming a H1N1 vaccine provider, please contact: Jillian Heist at heistj@co.thurston.wa.us

Notifiable Conditions Reporting Line 360-786-5470

H1N1 Recorded Information Line 360-709-3080

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