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H1N1 FLUMIST VACCINES

Ukiah, CA – Mendocino County Community Health Services (CHS) will receive an initial allocation of 900 doses of the H1N1 flu vaccine. This allotment of vaccine is the FluMist. The 900 doses will be divided between CHS and four medical providers who placed an early order for the FluMist vaccine. It is expected to be delivered by the end of this week to the Public Health Branch and the medical providers.

Throughout the winter months Mendocino County is projected to receive a total of 13,700 doses of H1N1 flu vaccine, the vaccine will be the FluMist and injectable types.

The target population to be vaccinated with the first allotment of the FluMist:

1. Healthy children 2 to 10 years of age.
2. Healthy household contacts (2 – 49 years of age) of infants younger than 6 months.

It is recommended for these children to receive two doses of the FluMist to be fully immunized. The vaccine schedule for children is to receive the first dose and wait 28 days to receive the second dose. One dose is recommended for persons 10 years and older.

The FluMist vaccination is licensed for healthy persons 2 – 49 years of age. The vaccine contains a trace amount of live flu virus enough to

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provide an immune response. The vaccine will not cause the person to become ill with H1N1 influenza. The FluMist is administered into the nostrils. The vaccine contains no preservative (no thimerosal).

The H1N1 flu vaccine that will be delivered within the next several months will be prioritized to the following priority groups:

- children 6 months – 24 years of age
- pregnant women
- health care workers
- emergency medical service workers
- household contacts to children less than 6 months of age

If you have any questions please contact Mendocino County Community Health Services at 472-2600 Monday through Thursday between 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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