



Nevada State Health Division  
Immunization Program

Provider-H1N1 Informational Meetings  
Wednesdays 12:30-1:30 pm  
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## Provider-H1N1 Information Meeting Minutes

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### Announcements

1. Providers who wish to receive H1N1 vaccine for their patients must pre-register online at the Health Division website, <http://flu.nv.gov>.
2. Once providers have filled out the pre-registration online, they will be contacted via email to fill out an electronic enrollment form. Even if providers are already in the VFC program, they must enroll in the H1N1 vaccine program.
3. Vaccine will be provided free of charge to providers; therefore, providers cannot charge for the vaccine but may charge an administration fee.
4. CDC estimates H1N1 vaccine will be licensed and distributed approximately mid-October.
5. The state needs to report doses of H1N1 administered to CDC. For providers who may need some additional support entering H1N1 data or who do not use the registry, WebIZ, please contact the WebIZ program about data entry support for your office. Email [izit@health.nv.gov](mailto:izit@health.nv.gov) or 775.684.5954.
6. The priority groups for receiving H1N1 are 1) pregnant women; 2) health care workers and emergency medical responders; 3) people who care for infants under 6 months of age; 4) people age 6 months through 24 years; and 5) people age 25 through 64 years with chronic medical conditions.
7. Vaccine doses come in 100-dose shipments. The Immunization Program is working on alternatives to ordering in 100-dose increments.
8. The Immunization Program is in the process of developing a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) document that will be posted on the website, <http://flu.nv.gov>.
9. Please visit the website regularly for updates and sign-up for the listserv to receive email updates directly to your inbox.

Question and Answer Session

**Question: When should seasonal flu be administered?**

**Answer:** CDC has advised that seasonal flu be administered to patients now, before H1N1 is available.

**Question: Can seasonal flu vaccine and H1N1 vaccine be administered at the same time?**

**Answer:** Yes, they can be administered at the same time at separate sites, with separate needles. Do not mix the two influenza vaccine doses together. If the nasal mist is used, only one type of flu mist may be given at a time since half of the dose is sprayed into each nostril.

**Question: Is H1N1 a live, attenuated vaccine?**

**Answer:** The vaccine comes in 3 different forms. One is a 10-dose vial filled with dead virus. The second is a pre-filled syringe with dead virus. The third is a flu mist which contains live, attenuated virus.

**Question: Can we charge an administration fee to patients?**

**Answer:** Yes, providers may charge an administration fee. The maximum you can charge is \$21.34, which is the Medicare administration reimbursement rate for influenza vaccines. Visit the following website to see the rate.

<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/AdultImmunizations/Downloads/AdminRates09.pdf>

**Question: What kind of course is H1N1?**

**Answer:** H1N1 is a two-dose course with the second dose administered 21-28 days after the first dose.

**Question: At what temperature should H1N1 vaccine be stored?**

**Answer:** H1N1 vaccine must be stored between 35-46 degrees Fahrenheit.

**Question: What kind of refrigerators can we use for storing H1N1 vaccine?**

**Answer:** You can use kitchen-style refrigerators or lab-style refrigerators as long as there are separate temperature controls for the refrigerator and freezer parts of the unit. In addition, a list of acceptable thermometers to use will be on the website <http://flu.nv.gov>. Dormitory style refrigerators are not accepted. A dormitory refrigerator is defined as a refrigerator which has the freezer inside the refrigerator.

**Question: Are there any side effects to H1N1 vaccine?**

**Answer:** The CDC is currently performing clinical trials and when they are completed they will release their findings. They will license the vaccine and release it for distribution approximately mid-October.

**Question: Will consent forms be made available for providers to use?**

**Answer:** Once providers are enrolled they will receive a "Welcome" packet which will contain consent forms and instructions for ordering and recording doses. Providers will also be able to print additional consent forms from the website <http://flu.nv.gov>.

**Question: If someone has a documented egg allergy can (s)he receive the H1N1 vaccine?**

Answer: No, that person cannot receive the H1N1 vaccine because it is manufactured from eggs.