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AMENDED DIRECTIVE HHSA INFLUENZA VACCINE 2004-2005 FLU SEASON December 14, 2004

Today, the State Public Health Officer, Dr. Richard Joseph Jackson, announced that the state has expanded the list of individuals eligible to receive a flu shot to include:

- All adults age 50 and older,
- Emergency service workers, and
- Individuals who have regular contact with persons at high risk for serious complications from the flu.

In accordance with this state Order, the County of San Diego is also amending its public health directive issued in October 2004 to include the same three criteria.

Since the vaccine supply shortage, the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) has received approximately 82% of the originally anticipated 60,000 adult doses of 'State purchased' vaccine and 100% of the children's doses (16,080). PHS distributed this supply to the County public health centers, community health clinics, and other healthcare facilities and organizations that serve high-risk populations.

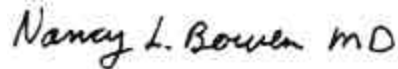
The nation's remaining supply of 8 million doses of influenza vaccine is being released in a strategic manner under the 'Vaccine for Purchase' program. This will result in an additional 65,910 doses for San Diego County including 10,000 doses for children. The Immunization Branch of PHS assisted with identifying local vaccine providers, collecting their orders, and submitting them to the state. Many providers have already received their orders and more will be receiving vaccine in the coming weeks.

Remember, December and January is not too late to immunize your patients. However, please utilize this year's supply of influenza vaccine ONLY for individuals in the high-risk priority groups (see attached). This list now includes three additional groups, as outlined by the state of California Public Health Officer's Order issued today. Public Health Services is requesting that our office be immediately alerted about any violations of the State Order and this Directive by calling (619) 515-6582.

Lastly, keep in mind that those providers who have received Aventis vaccine, vaccinated their high-risk patients, and have “extra” vaccine left over should contact the Community Health Improvement Partners (CHIP) to participate in the vaccine redistribution plan. Contact Jennifer Danzig at CHIP via fax or email at (619) 239-2589 or jdanzig@hasdic.org to assist with the redistribution of “extra” doses of influenza vaccine for San Diego County.

The San Diego public health jurisdictions will continue to work with local healthcare providers to make sure influenza vaccine goes to the people that need it the most. By enforcing the State amended public health order, distributing vaccine to community clinics and organizations, coordinating the ‘Vaccine for Purchase’ activities, and implementing a vaccine re-distribution program, HHSA and its community partners are addressing the limited resources available to ensure vulnerable populations are immunized.

Thank you for your cooperation with this new Directive.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy L. Bowen MD". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION¹
**Priority Groups for Vaccination with Inactivated Influenza Vaccine for the 2004-2005
Influenza Season**

People in the following group are considered high risk:

- All children aged 6–23 months,
- ²Adults aged 50 years and older,
- Persons aged 2–64 years with underlying chronic medical conditions,
- All women who will be pregnant during the influenza season,
- Residents of nursing homes and long-term care facilities,
- Children aged 6 months–18 years on chronic aspirin therapy,
- Health-care workers involved in direct patient care,
- Out-of-home caregivers and household contacts of children aged <6 months,
- ²Emergency service workers, and
- ²Individuals who have regular contact with persons at high risk for serious complications from the flu.

¹For more information concerning this year's recommendations and updates on national redistribution efforts, visit the CDC website: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu>.

² The items above have been added to the CDC high-priority groups by Order of the State Public Health Officer, Dr. Richard Joseph Jackson on December 14, 2004.

To find out about local vaccine availability contact the CHIP website at <http://www.sdchip.org> or call the hotline number at 1-877-FLU-0202.