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## HEALTH ALERT INFLUENZA VACCINE REDISTRIBUTION

DATE: October 15, 2004

TO: San Diego County Flu Vaccine Providers

**SUBJECT: Influenza Vaccine Redistribution Survey**

Due to a Chiron manufacturing problem, the national supply of influenza vaccine has been cut in half. On October 8, the State Public Health Officer, Dr. Richard Jackson, issued an Order to providers to **limit the vaccine to persons in the CDC high-risk priority groups only**. As you know, of the 54 million doses of influenza vaccine Aventis Pasteur (AvP) produced for this flu season, 33 million has already been shipped. CDC and AvP have developed a plan to disseminate the remaining 22.4 million doses. For further details see the CDC website at <http://www.cdc.gov/od/oc/media/pressrel/r041012.htm>.

The County is working with flu vaccine providers throughout San Diego to make sure vaccine here goes to the people that need the vaccine the most. As such, the County of San Diego Public Health Officer, in partnership with the Community Health Improvement Partners (CHIP), is implementing an influenza vaccine redistribution program. The purpose of the program is to determine the availability of excess flu vaccine in San Diego County and to redistribute this vaccine to the high-risk population.

I am sensitive to the hectic schedule that the current activities demand. However, the County is asking that you take a few minutes to complete the attached survey to assist us in implementing the proposed strategy.

Please fax or email the survey back to CHIP at (619) 239-2589 or [jdanzig@hasdic.org](mailto:jdanzig@hasdic.org). CHIP will coordinate the identification and redistribution of vaccine that is identified with your help.

Thanks again for your help in working with the County to address an issue of this magnitude and contributing to potentially getting vaccine to those high-risk groups that really need it.

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CHIP will coordinate the identification and redistribution of vaccine. **We are seeking to identify:**

- 1) Organizations that are willing to make available a portion of their stock not presently allocated for high-risk patients. Such organizations are asked to submit the number of doses / vials available, the cost to the provider of the doses, and the zip code where the doses are located.

ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_ POINT OF CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL/FAX: \_\_\_\_\_  
 NUMBER OF DOSES / VIALS AVAILABLE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 COST TO THE PROVIDER PER DOSE / VIAL: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ZIP CODE (WHERE DOSES ARE LOCATED): \_\_\_\_\_

- 2) Organizations who have resources available to purchase flu vaccine for high-risk public clinics. Priority will be given to organizations that had previously planned public flu clinics. Vaccine must be used for the **high-risk** population based on CDC recommendations and the Order of the State Public Health Officer. If you are in this category and are interested, please submit the following information:

ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_ POINT OF CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_  
 PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL/FAX: \_\_\_\_\_  
 NUMBER OF DOSES / VIALS DESIRED: \_\_\_\_\_  
 BUDGET AVAILABLE PER DOSE / VIAL: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ZIP CODE (WHERE DOSES WILL BE TRANSPORTED): \_\_\_\_\_

CHIP and the County Public Health Officer will coordinate the exchange of vaccine between agencies surrendering vaccine and those requesting vaccine for purchase. Reimbursement for the agency surrendering the vaccine will be rendered directly from the receiving agency. CHIP, in conjunction with the County of San Diego Public Health Officer, will provide a medically appropriate transfer protocol to ensure accountability and safety of the transferred dosages.

Organizations that will purchase excess flu vaccine will be required to report the time and location of their public flu clinic to the CHIP hotline / website. In addition, flu clinics will be required to use a screening tool to ensure that all recipients of vaccine are in fact in the **high-risk** category. Vaccinations will be provided on a first come, first served basis at the specified locations at clearly identified times and places.

Please fax or email this form back to the Community Health Improvement Partners at (619) 239-2589 or [jdanzig@hasdic.org](mailto:jdanzig@hasdic.org).  
 Contact Jennifer Danzig with questions at (619) 515-2858.  
 Thank you.