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NYSDOH 8/20 H1N1 Vaccine Briefing Summary

To IHA Hospital Preparedness Contacts:

On August 20th IHA participated in a meeting/conference call NYSDOH held with Associations and Societies representing healthcare providers. I am attaching several documents and presentations from the session. The first document outlines guidance to be distributed and key planning assumptions and requirements for vaccine distribution, dispensing and data tracking.

- [NYSDOH Novel H1N1 Vaccine Workgroup Planning Requirements and Assumptions](#)
- [NYSDOH Clinical Management Summary of Key Points and Major Changes](#)
- [Planning for Vaccination Campaign \(presentation\)](#)
- [H1N1 Overview \(presentation\)](#)
- [Vaccine Data and Tracking Information - NYSIIS \(presentation\)](#)

Below is further detail of that day's H1N1 Vaccination Planning Meeting led by Deputy Commissioner of the Office of Public Health, Dr. Gus Birkhead:

Currently, there are five manufacturers in the process of producing H1N1 vaccines and clinical trials just began. Many uncertainties remain with regard to the vaccine including whether two doses (initial plus booster) will be needed, which NYSDOH believes is likely. Vaccines are expected to begin to be made available in mid-October but vaccine supply will be less than expected to meet the need. Nationally, 40-50 million vaccine doses will be provided initially and then 20 million doses will be provided on a weekly basis thereafter. NYSDOH will be purchasing and controlling the distribution of vaccine in NYS. There will be no cost to providers or patients for the vaccine. CDC/McKesson is the wholesaler that will be distributing the vaccine in NYS and will be delivering it to 20 sites statewide. NYSDOH will use local health departments to distribute the vaccine to providers, but in some cases pick up by providers may be necessary.

NYSDOH will be following the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' (ACIP)

recent recommendations for priority groups to receive the initial vaccines, outlined below.

Phased Vaccination- Initial Target Groups:

- Pregnant Women
- Household and caregiver contacts of children younger than 6 months of age
- Healthcare and emergency services personnel
- Persons from 6 months through 24 years of age
- Persons aged 25 through 64 years of age who have medical conditions that are associated with a higher risk of influenza complications

NYS DOH said if a second booster shot is required, providers should not hold back vaccines for the second shot and should work to get patients in the initial target groups the first vaccine. Also, once the demand from initial target groups is met, vaccine should be given to all adults aged 25 through 64 years of age. Vaccination can be offered to persons 65 years of age and older once demand is being met among younger groups. Also, seniors should be encouraged to get the regular seasonal flu vaccine once it becomes available. NYSDOH is assuming but needs to confirm that the seasonal flu vaccine can be given at the same time as the H1N1 vaccine to the key target populations.

Individual level data collection will be required for every dose of H1N1 vaccine administered, regardless of age of the patient. As a condition for receiving supply of the H1N1 vaccine, providers will be required to enroll in and report administration of the vaccine through the New York State Immunization Information System (NYSIIS). NYSIIS was created two years ago pursuant to a law passed for the purpose of reporting and tracking all vaccines given to those under 19 years old. The law allows for the input of vaccination data for those 19 and older if providers are given express consent by the adult patient. To receive H1N1 vaccine, providers must agree to enroll in NYSIIS by signing a Vaccine Provider Agreement and providers will be required ask their patients over the age of 19 to sign an Express Consent Form in order to report the administration of the vaccine to NYSIIS.

Providers also will need to sign up for a Health Commerce System Account at: <https://hcsteamwork1.health.state.ny.us/pub>. In addition, providers will need to get a Vaccine Program Registration and participate in a NYSIIS Training to enroll. More information on NYSIIS and trainings can be found at: https://commerce.health.state.ny.us/hpn/bcdc/immunization/training_info.html

NYS DOH is currently working to develop a streamlined process to cover Vaccine Program Registration and NYSIIS Training requirements in one electronic workflow. More information on NYSIIS and trainings can be found at: https://commerce.health.state.ny.us/hpn/bcdc/immunization/training_info.html.

Finally, NYS DOH is in the process of rolling out an educational campaign with fact sheets and tool kits for providers and patients related to the vaccine, its distribution in

New York and the key targets to receive the vaccine. We will continue to monitor these activities and will keep you apprised of any new information or developments related to the H1N1 vaccine.