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Notice to Immunization Providers

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Re: Pre-registration for Healthcare Facilities Interested in Receiving and Administering the 2009 H1N1 Pandemic Influenza Vaccine

This fall, to protect the public from the 2009 H1N1 pandemic influenza virus, the federal government will provide states with pandemic vaccine and supplies (needles, syringes, sharps containers, alcohol swabs) at no cost to states. The federal government estimates that approximately 120 million doses will be available over the first month of shipping and that enough vaccine will be distributed to fully meet US demand in less than 6 months. The Tennessee Department of Health (TDH) will be responsible for directing the shipment of the vaccine and supplies in the State of Tennessee.

TDH is extending the opportunity to receive and administer pandemic vaccine to all interested immunizing healthcare providers (including hospitals, clinics, pharmacists and community vaccinators). Private sector providers will be permitted to charge an administration fee; however, the conditions of this federal program have not been finalized. TDH is offering the opportunity for health care providers interested in having vaccine and supplies shipped to their facility to pre-register to receive information about the program at no cost and with no obligation.

Pre-registered facility representatives will receive email updates about the pandemic vaccination program and important information to prepare their facility to store, handle and administer pandemic vaccine properly. Pre-registered points of contact for the facilities will ultimately receive the federal pandemic vaccine provider agreement and receive instructions for ordering vaccine, once finalized. Only providers who ultimately place orders and meet the conditions of the provider agreement will receive vaccine. Because the federal program is under development, TDH cannot guarantee that all pre-registered providers will receive vaccine directly shipped to them or the timing or size of shipments. Vaccine is expected to begin shipping through this mechanism by mid-October.

Pre-registration is a two-step process: First, register for access to the Tennessee Web Immunization System (TWIS) by going to <http://twis.tn.gov/> and selecting **Online Registration Request**. Once registered, or if you are already a registered TWIS user, you can log on to TWIS and go to the online pre-registration form for pandemic vaccine. Please note that an individual facility should only register one time. You may contact the TWIS Help Desk at 1-888-TWIS-HELP (894-7435) if you need any assistance with the registration process.