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Yolo County Received 300 Doses of Recalled Novel H1N1 Vaccine

Recalled Doses are Still Safe; No Need to be Revaccinated

Woodland, CA—The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has announced the voluntary recall of 800,000 doses of H1N1 flu vaccine after tests indicated that it doesn't meet potency standards. The Yolo County Health Department received 300 of the recalled doses, which are pre-filled syringes intended for young children ages 6 to 35 months old, manufactured by Sanofi Pasteur.

“The recall does not affect the safety of the vaccine,” said Dr. Joseph Iser, Yolo County Health Officer and Health Department Director. “The vaccine may be slightly less potent, but kids don't need to be revaccinated. If they haven't yet had their second dose, they should get it as scheduled.”

Review of Yolo County records has shown that Yolo County Public Health received 300 doses from one recalled lot. Of these, 200 were distributed to other healthcare partners. The Health Department is working with the partner agencies to return unused recalled vaccine to the manufacturer.

The voluntary recall does not change vaccination recommendations. The Yolo County Health Department continues to encourage those in high risk groups to get vaccinated. These groups include:

- Pregnant women
- Parents and caregivers of children under 6 months of age
- Children and young people ages 6 months to 24 years
- Adults between the ages of 25 and 64 years who have medical conditions that put them at risk for serious illness and death from the H1N1 flu virus
- Healthcare and emergency service workers

Since vaccine has become available in Yolo County, the Health Department has vaccinated over 4000 individuals, many in the high risk groups, and worked with partner health agencies to do the same.

Public clinics through the Health Department will again be scheduled in January. To find out when clinics will be scheduled, continue to check the Yolo County Health Department's website at www.yolohealth.org.

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