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HEALTH ALERT

To: Yolo County Healthcare Providers, Skilled Nursing and Long Term Care Facilities Services, Pharmacies

From: Ronald W. Chapman, MD., MPH
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Date: January 9, 2018

Subject: Increased Influenza Activity in California

Situation Update: Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency has been alerted by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) that there have been significant increases in influenza activity over recent weeks with Influenza A (H3N2) predominating so far this season.

Key Points and Recommendations:

- Clinicians and Labs: Please be aware that there is a new **CDPH January 2, 2018 Clinical Advisory for Influenza**. This advisory summarizes the most recent CDPH guidelines on laboratory **testing, reporting** of influenza cases to public health and **infection control**. It can be found [HERE](#)
- Offer influenza immunization: CDPH recommends immunization of all persons 6 months and older who have not received influenza vaccine this season. Approximately 20% of influenza typed is influenza B and two thirds of that is of the Yamagata lineage which is found only in the quadrivalent vaccine. Consider offering the quadrivalent seasonal flu vaccine when appropriate. Free flu vaccine is available to the public at Yolo County Monday [Immunization Clinics](#) and on Friday, January 19, 2018, there will be a **FREE FLU CLINIC** in **West Sacramento** from 3:00-7:00pm at the City Hall Galleria. For a downloadable flyer, click [HERE](#).
- Tamiflu and Generic Tamiflu: CDPH has reports of temporary local and regional spot shortages of **oseltamivir** (generic Tamiflu) due to a production problem which will hopefully be rectified later this month. However, manufacturer Genentech reports that there is *no overall shortage of the branded formulation, Tamiflu*. Genentech suggests that **wholesalers** who need additional Tamiflu contact Genentech directly at 1-800-821-8590 to place orders. Orders must be placed by wholesalers rather than providers. **Pharmacies- Please contact the Yolo County Public Health/Infectious Disease unit if you are experiencing difficulties ordering or stocking Tamiflu or oseltamivir (generic Tamiflu).**
- Report: Continue to report any laboratory-confirmed fatal influenza associated cases < 65 years of age as required by Title 17, CCR 2500. *Laboratory-confirmed influenza cases requiring intensive care are voluntarily reportable* to Yolo County Public Health at confidential Fax 530-669-1549.
- Long Term Care Facilities: Report suspected or confirmed influenza outbreaks in your facility immediately by phone (530) 666 8670 during business hours and (530) 321 3620 after hours. If you have multiple cases of influenza-like illness and have no ability to order lab tests with your own resources or have questions, please contact: Yolo County Public Health/Infectious Disease unit.

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