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Guidance for Remaining H1N1 Swine Flu Vaccine

H1N1 Swine Flu vaccine: Because the new seasonal flu vaccine will be available within 1-2 months, and because there have been very few reports of circulating H1N1 swine flu disease, we are recommending at this time that you refrain from administering any more monovalent H1N1 swine flu vaccine unless:

- you have a high risk patient who is unlikely to return for seasonal flu vaccination
- you would like to use an H1N1 monovalent dose as a priming dose for certain children under age 9 so they will only need to receive one dose of seasonal flu vaccine this fall.

Saving a dose later by vaccinating now with a dose of monovalent H1N1 swine flu vaccine only applies to:

- children < age 9 who had no H1N1 swine flu vaccine in 2009-10 and who received two
 doses of seasonal flu vaccine in 2009-10, or
- children < age 9 who had no H1N1 swine flu vaccine in 2009-10 and had at least one seasonal flu vaccine dose before 2009-10.

H1N1 Swine Flu Vaccine Recovery Project: You may have received UPS labels addressed to the "H1N1 Recovery Project" at the Dept. of Health & Human Services. These are to be used to return expired monovalent H1N1 swine flu vaccine ONLY. For detailed instructions, go to http://calpanflu.org/vaccine-recovery.html.

Return only UNOPENED, EXPIRED and WRAPPED monovalent H1N1 Swine Flu 2009 vaccine in ORIGINAL PACKAGING.

- NO SEASONAL INFLUENZA VACCINE (trivalent)
- No other vaccines or antiviral drugs
- No syringes with needles attached
- No broken, used or empty vials
- No unused ancillary kits (needles, syringes, vaccination cards, alcohol prep pads and sharps containers)

Note: Unused ancillary items can be kept for later use.

Official recommendations by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices were just published today for the 2010-2011 Seasonal Influenza Vaccine. These can be accessed at www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/rr/rr59e0729.pdf

Comprehensive information for San Francisco clinicians for the 2010-2011 season will also soon be available at www.sfcdcp.org/flu.

