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H1N1 Vaccine Provider Pre-Registration Sign-Up

Providers interested in receiving H1N1 vaccine are encouraged to go to the ADH website (www.healthyarkansas.com) for information. The steps include:

1. Pre-registering your interest for vaccine-please call the helpdesk at 1-800-574-4040 to pre-register or contact Wittney Hasley (Wittney.Hasley@arkansas.gov).
2. Submitting a provider agreement
3. Placing a vaccine order

You must complete all the above steps, in order to receive vaccine.

The Arkansas Dept of Health will be upgrading the software used for the **Health Alert Network (HAN)**. Use of this new system will begin on October 1, 2009. To ensure you continue to receive **Dr. Snow's weekly letter** and other important health information you must logon to <https://health.arkansas.gov/codespearreg>, click on "new user information" and fill in the blanks. You are required to have an email address. This email address becomes your logon ID. Please click on the web address and sign up. We will not be sending faxes after October 1.

Influenza Vaccine Update:

We are hearing that some pediatricians do not have any vaccine to vaccinate their 3 y/o patients with, but do have plenty of the 6-35 mo 0.25cc vaccine. If you are caught in this situation, please use 2 injections of the 6-35 mo old vaccine to vaccinate that in-between group.

Vaccine has currently been sent to private pediatricians, family practice, high risk specialty clinics, community clinics, internal medicine, OB's, and hospitals. These are for the high risk patients of all ages <65 yrs of age as well as health care workers with direct patient contact, including your office staff. If you run out of vaccine, please reorder. Vaccine will be provided to you as soon as it is available.

Current target groups:

- pregnant women,
- persons who live with or provide care for infants aged <6 months (e.g., parents, siblings, and daycare providers),
- health-care workers with direct patient contact
- persons aged 6 months-24 years, and
- persons aged 25-64 years who have medical conditions that put them at higher risk for influenza-related complications.

These include:

Asthma

Neurological and neurodevelopmental conditions [including disorders of the brain, spinal cord, peripheral nerve, and muscle such as cerebral palsy, epilepsy (seizure disorders), stroke, intellectual disability (mental retardation), moderate to severe developmental delay, muscular dystrophy, or spinal cord injury].

Chronic lung disease (such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease [COPD] and cystic fibrosis)

Heart disease (such as congenital heart disease, congestive heart failure and coronary artery disease)

Blood disorders (such as sickle cell disease)

Endocrine disorders (such as diabetes mellitus)

Kidney disorders

Liver disorders

Metabolic disorders (such as inherited metabolic disorders and mitochondrial disorders)

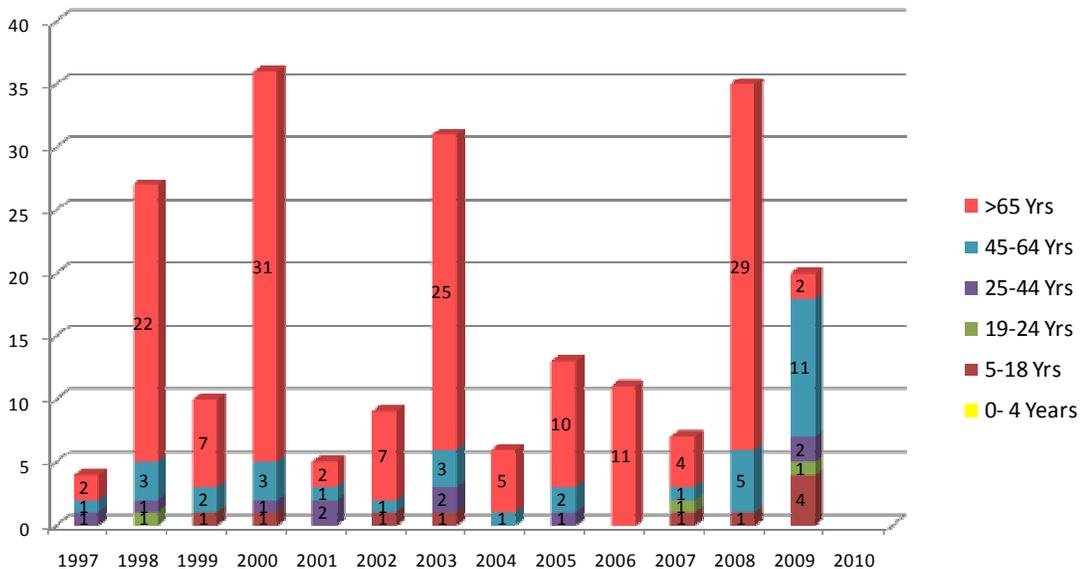
Weakened immune system due to disease or medication (such as people with HIV or AIDS, or cancer, or those on chronic steroids)

People younger than 19 years of age who are receiving long-term aspirin therapy

Once vaccination programs and providers are meeting the demand for vaccine among the persons in the five initial target groups, vaccination will be expanded to all persons aged 25-64 years.

Once demand for vaccine among younger age groups is being met, vaccination will be expanded to all persons aged ≥ 65 years.

Arkansas Influenza Death by age groups 1997-2009
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**Flu was the main cause of Death in all cases
only 2 patients died of seasonal flu in 2009
Source: ADH Immunization section, center for health statistics

