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TO: 2009 H1N1 Vaccine Providers Who Received Recalled Vaccine

FROM: Beth Rowe-West, R.N., B.S.N., Head
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RE: Non-Safety-Related Voluntary Recall of Certain Lots of H1N1 Nasal-Spray Vaccine

If you are receiving this letter, your office has received vaccine from the lots that are being voluntarily recalled by their manufacturer, MedImmune.

MedImmune notified CDC and FDA that the potency in 13 lots of live attenuated nasal spray has dropped or will soon drop below a pre-specified limit required for potency. This is not a safety issue but an issue of vaccine potency.

Vaccine doses with the following lot numbers are included in the recall doses shipped to North Carolina’s providers are bolded and underlined:

- 500754P
- 500751P
- 500756P
- 500757P
- **500758P**
- **500759P**
- 500760P
- **500761P**
- **500762P**
- 500763P
- 500764P
- 500765P
- **500776P**

MedImmune will send providers directions for returning any unused vaccine from these lots. If you transferred vaccine to another provider in your community, please share this information with them. Also be sure to pass along MedImmune’s directions for returning unused vaccine.

North Carolina received 113,700 doses of the approximately 4.7 million doses impacted by this recall. Those doses were distributed to 345 providers across the state, mostly during the month of October.

The CDC and the FDA are in agreement that revaccination is not needed for those who received vaccine from these lots. However, as is recommended for all 2009 H1N1 vaccines, all children less than 10 years old should receive the two doses of H1N1 vaccine approximately a month apart for the optimal immune response.

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