



**NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
AND MENTAL HYGIENE**  
Thomas Farley, MD, MPH  
*Commissioner*

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Dear Provider:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) distributed the attached health update through the Health Alert Network regarding the voluntary, non-safety-related recall of six lots of Sanofi Pasteur H1N1 influenza vaccine. Preliminary estimates are that 28,100 doses of the affected vaccine lots were distributed to approximately 169 medical facilities in New York City between November 2009 and January 2010.

The recalled lots are:

- UT023AA, UT023BA, UT023CA, UT023EA, UT023FA, 0.25 mL syringes in 10-packs, (NDC # 49281-650-25, which also may be recorded as # 49281-0650-25), and
- UT037AA, 0.5 mL syringes in 25-packs, (NDC # 49281-650-90, which also may be recorded as # 49281-0650-90).

Sanofi Pasteur will send directions for returning unused vaccine from these lots to providers.

Providers are being asked to return any vaccine to the manufacturer because of potency levels that are lower than required. While the antigen content of these lots is below the required specification, vaccine doses from these lots are still expected to be effective in stimulating a protective response. For this reason, there is no need to revaccinate patients who have received vaccine from these lots. CDC and the Food and Drug Administration have determined that there are no safety concerns for people who have received these vaccines.

All children less than 10 years old should get the recommended two doses of H1N1 vaccine approximately a month apart for optimal immune response. Therefore, children less than 10 years old who have only received one dose of vaccine thus far should still receive a second dose of 2009 H1N1 vaccine. In the wake of this recall, providers should use vaccine from multi-dose vials from either Sanofi Pasteur or CSL to immunize children 6 months to 35 months of age. Multi-dose vials and 0.5 mL pre-filled syringes (from other Sanofi Pasteur lots or manufacturers, CSL or Novartis) can be used for persons 3 years of age and older. For healthy persons 2 to 49 years of age, the nasal spray (live, attenuated influenza vaccine) is also an option.

If you need to obtain H1N1 vaccine, either multi-dose vials, pre-filled syringes, or nasal spray, please email the Health Department at [nycflu@health.nyc.gov](mailto:nycflu@health.nyc.gov) so we can order needed vaccine for your facility or practice. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jane R. Zucker'.

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