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Dear Provider,

The Miami Dade County Health Department has been working with its State, Federal and local partners to coordinate the delivery and administration of H1N1 vaccine to our community. The purpose of this letter is to encourage providers who have not yet had the opportunity to do so to register as an H1N1 provider and join in this effort.

Registering as an H1N1 provider will indicate your intent to provide vaccinations to your staff and patients. You may register by visiting [www.flshots.com](http://www.flshots.com) and choosing the H1N1 section. If you are already a Florida Shots provider you need only indicate your intent to distribute the H1N1 vaccine. If you prefer, you may call the Bureau of Immunization at 1-877-888-7468 or send an e-mail to [flshots@doh.state.fl.us](mailto:flshots@doh.state.fl.us) with any questions or to obtain registration assistance. Registering with Florida Shots is the best way to indicate your interest in this vaccination campaign and will also facilitate the ordering and delivery of vaccine once it becomes available.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has indicated that it anticipates beginning distribution of the vaccine in early October and has identified five (5) target groups to receive vaccines first.

The target groups were determined by CDC's advisory committees on immunization practices (ACIP) as follows:

- All pregnant women
- People who live with or care for children younger than 6 months of age
- Health care and emergency services sector personnel
- All people 6 months through 24 years of age
- People aged 25 through 64 years who have health conditions associated with higher risk of medical complications from influenza

If vaccine is not available in sufficient amounts for the initial priority groups, the following groups will be prioritized:

- Pregnant women
- People who live with or care for children younger than 6 months of age
- Health care and emergency services personnel with direct patient contact
- Children 6 months through 4 years of age
- Children 5 through 18 years of age who have chronic medical conditions

Miami-Dade County Health Department staff are always available to assist you and we encourage you to contact us with any concerns you may have. You may email questions or concerns to [ProviderH1N1survey@doh.state.fl.us](mailto:ProviderH1N1survey@doh.state.fl.us) or call 786-845-0222 for assistance.

We thank you for your participation and continued dedication to our community.

Sincerely,

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