



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER

Date: October 9, 2009

To: All Connecticut Chiefs of Service
Fire, Police and Emergency Medical Services

From: J. Robert Galvin, M.D., M.P.H., M.B.A.
Commissioner

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Re: H1N1 Vaccine Distribution Update

As a follow up to my September 10, 2009 memo regarding allocation of vaccine for first responders, I would like to provide some additional clarification.

Emergency Medical Service providers have been identified in the ACIP guidance as a priority group to be vaccinated in the early rounds of H1N1 vaccine campaign as vaccine becomes available.

Pre-hospital care providers are classified as those personnel who currently have been issued a license or certification including MRT, EMT, EMT-IV, EMS-I and EMT-P from the Department of Public Health, Office of Emergency Medical Services, as an initial threshold for vaccination. In the coming weeks more vaccine will be available to a greater number of providers

We appreciate the patience and understanding that our first responder community has shown as we face this H1N1 outbreak.



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