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Subject: FROM THE CMO -- H1N1 Update

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RE: H1N1 UPDATE

During the past couple of weeks, we've seen an increase in influenza cases throughout California -- as have other states in the country -- and we're preparing for what could be a severe flu season.

The supply of H1N1 vaccine from manufacturers is being distributed at a rate slower than expected. UCSF Medical Center is expecting to receive a supply during the next two weeks as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) distributes additional supplies to state agencies. It is possible that our initial shipment may be insufficient to vaccinate all employees and patients. When our first shipment arrives, employees with direct patient contact and patients at particularly high risk will receive the vaccine first, as instructed by the CDC.

As more H1N1 vaccine is received, we hope to offer it to all employees who have a UCSF ID and to all patients at risk. In the meantime, please get vaccinated for the seasonal flu, if you haven't already, and continue to use hand hygiene and other infection control precautions to protect our patients and our workforce.

Employees, who don't have direct patient contact but who qualify for priority status for the H1N1 vaccination because of other risk factors, should contact their primary care doctors or a public health clinic to receive the vaccine on a priority basis. You are considered at risk if you are:

- Pregnant
- Caregiver of a child less than 6 months old
- 6 months to 24 years old
- 25 to 64 years old with severe, chronic health conditions

If you have any questions regarding the vaccine for the seasonal flu or H1N1, please contact Occupational Health at OHS@ucsfmedctr.org.

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