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Health Notification

Pre-book Flu Vaccine Now for the 2006-2007 Season January 24, 2006

Although the current Influenza season has not yet concluded, it is already time to begin planning for the 2006-2007 influenza season! Pre-booking vaccine now is one of the best ways for a healthcare provider to ensure receiving a supply next fall.

Do not wait to ask your supplier if they have flu vaccine; start the pre-booking process now. The Philadelphia Immunization Program is pleased to provide the following information on options and procedures for pre-booking influenza vaccine for next season.

- 1) Pre-book flu vaccine from Sanofi Pasteur, Inc., (Swiftwater, PA), formerly known as Aventis, over the Internet beginning **Tuesday January 31, 2006 at 12:00 noon (EST)** at www.vaccineshoppe.com. If you have not previously ordered from Sanofi Pasteur, you must create a username and password at this link prior to Tuesday January 31, 2006. Or, you can order vaccine from Sanofi Pasteur, Inc. by calling 1-800-822-2463.
- 2) Information on pre-booking flu vaccine from GlaxoSmithKline, Inc. (Philadelphia, PA) is available by calling 1-866-475-8222.
- 3) Contact MedImmune Vaccines, Inc. (Gaithersburg, MD) at 1-877-358-6478 to pre-book Influenza Virus Vaccine Live, Intranasal, for your healthy patients, aged 5 to 49 years.
- 4) Pre-book flu vaccine from Chiron Corporation, Inc. (Emeryville, CA) by contacting them at 1-800-200-4278.
- 5) To place an order through FFF Enterprises (Temecula, CA) for any U.S.-licensed brand of injectable flu vaccine, call 1-800-843-7477, or visit www.FluVaccine.net.
- 6) Contact your usual distributor to order flu vaccine.

Flu vaccine for VFC-eligible children (< 18 years of age) in Philadelphia will be available through the usual procedures, and does not need to be pre-booked. This guidance applies to pre-booking flu vaccine for *non-VFC* and adult patients.