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Update Regarding Recalled H1N1 Vaccine in Sacramento County

(Sacramento, CA) – Sacramento County Public Health has completed its review of vaccine inventory following yesterday's Sanofi Pasteur recall of pediatric single-dose syringes of H1N1 flu vaccine. The recall was not related to safety problems, but rather because some lots were found to be slightly below the potency standard for the vaccine.

The review has shown that Sacramento County Public Health received 400 doses of one recalled lot.

Of these, 43 doses were administered at the Public Health Division's H1N1 vaccination clinics held between December 10th and December 12th. The rest of the doses are still in inventory and have not been used.

"We are in the process of pulling all 43 Vaccination Consent Forms to notify parents that their child received a dose of this recalled vaccine," said Sacramento County Health Officer Glennah Trochet, M.D. "The vaccine is still considered effective even though the potency was slightly below the standard."

Trochet said the parents will be told that no action is necessary on their part, other than making sure that their child receives a second dose of the vaccine one month after they received the first dose.

The Public Health Division is working with medical providers in the community who also received the recalled batches of vaccine to make sure that they are aware of the recall and to help them find substitute doses for their patients.

Per instructions from the California Department of Public Health, the unused vaccine will be returned to the manufacturer.

For more information, go to www.SCPH.com and click on the H1N1 Flu Clinics graphic.

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