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Department of Health Services

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ORDER TO CONTROL INFLUENZA VACCINATION

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED BY THE STATE PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER, pursuant to sections 100180 and 120140 of the California Health and Safety Code **THAT ALL HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS IN CALIFORNIA SHALL LIMIT INFLUENZA VACCINATION TO PERSONS IN HIGH RISK CATEGORIES.** Health care providers shall refrain from vaccinating healthy individuals not at high risk of serious illness or death from influenza.

For purposes of this order:

"Health care provider" means any person authorized under the laws of California to administer influenza vaccinations.

"High risk categories" means:

(1) all children aged 6–23 months;
(2) adults aged 65 years and older;
(3) persons aged 2–64 years with underlying chronic medical conditions;
(4) all women who will be pregnant during the influenza season;
(5) residents of nursing homes and long-term care facilities;
(6) children aged 6 months–18 years on chronic aspirin therapy;
(7) health care workers involved in direct patient care; and
(8) out-of-home caregivers and household contacts of children aged <6 months.

This order is issued due to a shortage of vaccine within the State of California. Chiron Corporation has notified the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that none of its influenza vaccine will be available for distribution in the United States for the 2004–05 influenza season. This development will reduce by approximately one half the expected supply of influenza vaccine available in the United States for the 2004–05 influenza season.

It is further ordered that health care providers and others that possess influenza vaccine cooperate with local health officers to assess vaccine supply and coordinate vaccination of persons in high risk categories.

It is further ordered that local health officers provide this Order to Control Influenza Vaccination to health care providers in their jurisdiction, and that this order be prominently posted in locations where influenza vaccination is administered.

This order shall take effect immediately.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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