

Public Health Brief

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H1N1 Vaccine Updates

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Over the past few months, the H1N1 vaccination campaign has been a tremendous challenge for the public health and healthcare provider community. Tri-County Health Department held 62 community vaccination clinics and gave over 63,000 free doses of H1N1 vaccine to the public in only six weeks. We also helped to distribute an additional 232,000 doses of vaccine to pharmacies, hospitals and physicians for their patients. We would like to thank to all of our healthcare providers, who ordered and administered H1N1 vaccine this season, to protect our community members.

Many of you may still have vaccine that may be expiring in the near future. Others of you may have vaccine that may have been part of a recall due to diminished potency (see below for more information). If you have H1N1 vaccine that you need to dispose of, please fill out the attached form and fax it to the state health department. H1N1 vaccine should be treated as a biohazard, and may be disposed in standard biohazard sharps containers.

If you have any questions regarding disposal of H1N1 vaccine please call Penny Grande at 303-846-6239. If you would like to order more H1N1 vaccine please call Penny Grande at 303-846-6239 for less than 100 doses or contact Paul Gillenwater at 303-692-2404 for greater than 100 doses.

And if you have no H1N1 vaccine, but are still getting patients who are interested in receiving it, have them contact our TCHD appointment line at 303-363-3031. We are still offering free vaccine, by appointment, to anyone interested in receiving the H1N1 vaccine.

Influenza A H1N1 Vaccine Safety Recall Update:

There have been a few **non-safety** recalls for reduced vaccine potency of two types of H1N1 Influenza vaccine. The non-safety vaccine recall included Med Immune Influenza A (H1N1) monovalent vaccine live, intranasal vaccine and some specific Sanofi-Pasteur vaccine products. Some of the Sanofi-Pasteur products had their expiration date shortened as a result of the non-safety recall.

Both types were recalled as a result of reduced potency. Individuals who received recalled vaccine **do not** need to be revaccinated. It is expected that the reduction of potency would not be significant enough to reduce immune response.

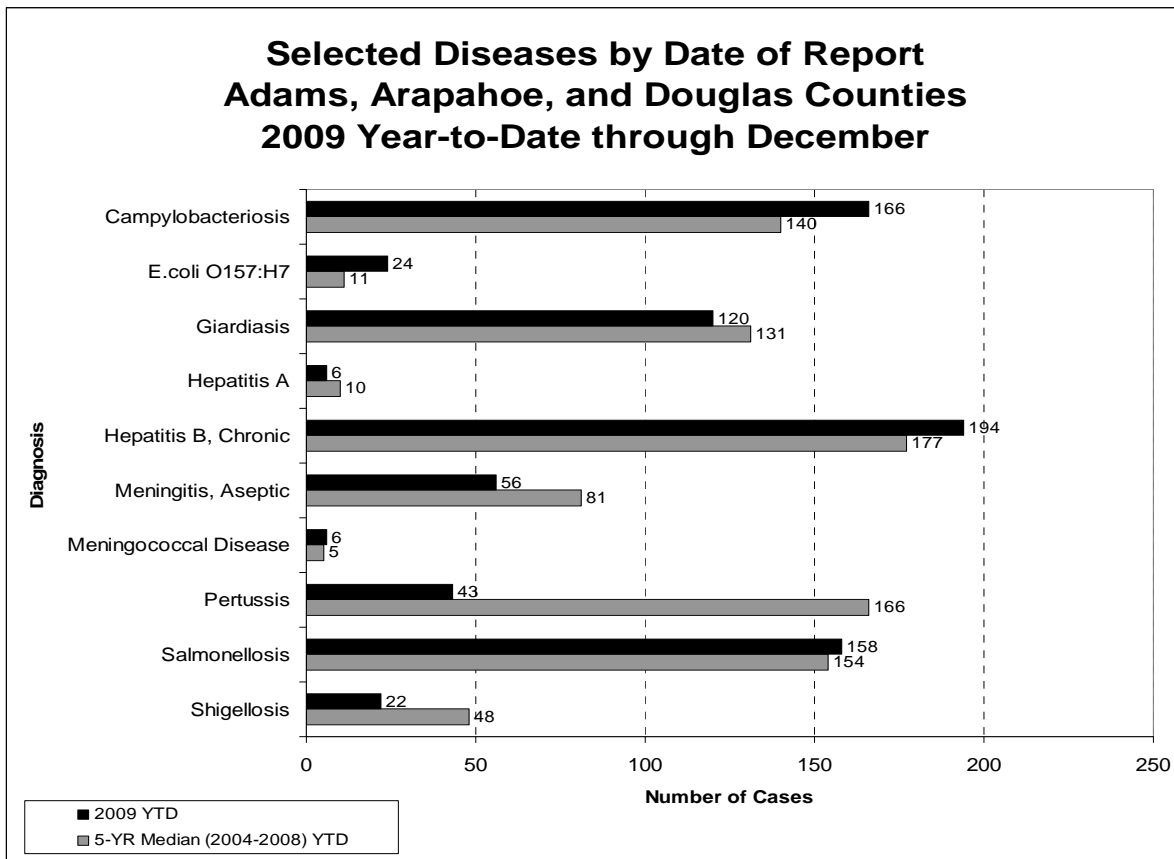
To find more information or to learn about specific lot numbers of recalled vaccine, please visit: www.cdphe.state.co.us/dc/Immunization. For more information on shortened expiration dates see www.fda.gov/BiologicsBloodVaccines/SafetyAvailability/Recalls/ucm200666.htm

**Please note: The name of this bi-monthly publication has been officially changed from Public Health Update to Public Health Brief, as of this issue. However, this publication will continue to focus on public health topics of interest to healthcare providers, and provide information on reportable diseases.*



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