

November 13, 2020

RE: Flu Campaign and Distribution of **9,354,970 doses**

Dear Colleagues,

On June 30, 2020, state and local public health agencies requested **9,354,970** doses of influenza vaccine, to be supplied free of charge by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Through the partnerships formed by public health departments and primary care associations, **3,697,470** doses were allocated to community health centers. The COVID-19 pandemic has overwhelmed health care systems and public health infrastructure beyond capacity. Amid the pandemic, public health and health centers are in the center of a potential “twindemic” of both influenza and COVID-19.

The Association of Immunization Managers (AIM) and the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) are pleased to collaborate during this public health emergency. Distribution of CDC-supplied doses has begun and is anticipated to continue through early January. These late-season flu vaccine doses are critical to **preventing flu this season** and alleviating the potential burden of high rates of flu-related **hospitalizations**.

ACT NOW: *The Flu Vaccination Campaign is the Dress Rehearsal for COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution*

Health Centers and Primary Care Associations

- Contact Sarah Price sprice@nachc.com or Kathy McNamara kmcnamara@nachc.com for more information.
- Use free, government-supplied flu doses **before** purchasing additional doses.
- Communicate widely using primary care association communication tools.
- Work with NACHC and/or AIM to collaborate with public health immunization managers to host a webinar, podcast, or joint presentation at Clinical Meetings.
- Contact your jurisdiction health department immunization program manager [here](#).
- Become a COVID-19 vaccine provider by enrolling in your jurisdictions’ COVID-19 provider enrollment program. Enrollment information can be found in jurisdictional interim plans, posted on health agency websites.

Special thanks to health center directors and immunization program managers for your ongoing commitment to the health of our nation. We know you are tired and weary. Together we can make it through this twindemic. State, territorial, and city immunization programs work every day to bring lifesaving vaccines to the American people in partnership with community health centers, which represent the backbone of our nation’s primary care system. *Working together, we can prepare now for the challenges ahead, increase flu vaccination among some of our most vulnerable populations, and save lives.*

Sincerely,



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