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Dear Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity (COCA) Partner,

The CDC is committed to providing information to its partners, so that you can stay informed and communicate accurate information to your constituents. Please remember to send any questions or comments to coca@cdc.gov. We want to ensure that these updates are timely and helpful.

To assist in your efforts, please see the following materials and resources:

A. MMWR

MMWR Weekly - Volume 58, No. 50 released December 23, 2009 can be viewed at <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/>

Influenza related articles included this week:

- **Intent to Receive Influenza A (H1N1) 2009 Monovalent and Seasonal Influenza Vaccines** <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5850a1.htm>
- **Impact of Seasonal Influenza-Related School Closures on Families** <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5850a2.htm>

B. HHS Request - Patient Letter

Attached is a H1N1 outreach email/letter, *3 Simple Steps to a Healthy New Year*. HHS requests that COCA partners disseminate this email to their membership as they deem appropriate. This letter is a resource for providers to share with their patients. The letter contains messages with tips on how to prevent patients from getting the flu and links to helpful resources. As with previous HHS outreach request, participation is voluntary.

C. New and Updated Interim Guidance and Links to Resources for Clinician

- NEW: Voluntary Non-Safety-Related Recall of Specific Lots of Nasal Spray Vaccine for 2009 H1N1 Influenza http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/vaccination/sprayrecall_qa.htm
- NEW: Open Letter to the American Public about the H1N1 Flu Vaccine <http://www.flu.gov/news/openletter.html>
- NEW: 2009 H1N1 Influenza Vaccination Coverage http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/in_the_news/influenza_vaccination.htm
- UPDATED: Vaccine Information for Clinicians and Health Care Professionals <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/vaccination/professional.htm>
- Update: FDA-Issued rRT-PCR Swine Flu Panel (also referred to as Swine Flu Test Kit) EUA Letter (PDF) http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/eua/pdf/rRT-PCR_swineflu_test_kit.pdf
- Update: FDA-Issued rRT-PCR Swine Flu Panel Fact Sheet for Health Care Providers (PDF)

http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/eua/pdf/eua_amendment_swine_healthcare.pdf

- Update: FDA-Issued rRT-PCR Swine Flu Panel Fact Sheet for Patients (PDF)
http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/eua/pdf/eua_amendment_swine_patients.pdf
- Locate all H1N1 Flu guidance documents
<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidance/>
- Novel H1N1 Influenza: Resources for Clinicians
<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/clinicians/>

Happy Holidays!

**On behalf of the Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity (COCA)
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