

Local Kern County Provider received low potency H1N1 Pediatric Vaccine

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Bakersfield – Although the Kern County Public Health Department received none of the H1N1 Pediatric Vaccine identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for a non-safety voluntary recall, it was learned late yesterday that 100 doses of the H1N1 Pediatric Vaccine had been shipped and already used by a local provider.

Kern County Public Health has contacted the provider to insure CDC protocol, recommendations and procedures were followed.

Those CDC recommendations include:

1. If the low potency doses have already been administered, there is no need to re-administer a dose to those who received vaccine from these lots.
2. Parents of children who received vaccine from the recalled lots do **not** need to take any action, other than to complete the CDC recommended two-dose immunization series if not already completed. If your child has had second dose, the series is complete and there is no need to re-administer any H1N1 vaccine.
5. The CDC recommends that all children less than 10 years of age should get two doses of H1N1 vaccine, approximately 1 month apart for the optimal immune response.

Public Health continues to coordinate free H1N1 vaccine clinics throughout Kern County. The H1N1 Swine Flu vaccine is now available to the general public. You must be at least 6 months old and medically eligible to receive the vaccine.

Please visit www.kernpublichealth.com or call 1-877-81VIRUS for clinic dates and locations.

