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Non-Safety Related H1N1 Vaccine Recall

(Sedgwick County, Kansas) – The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has announced a recall of certain lots of Live Attenuated Influenza Virus (LAIV) vaccine; this is the nasal spray version of the H1N1 vaccine. The CDC has determined that the vaccine in the recalled lots deteriorate at a quicker rate than expected. This causes the vaccine to lose potency, possibly before it can be administered. Any doses not yet administered are being pulled and returned to the manufacturer.

This recall is **NOT related to the safety of the vaccine**. Sedgwick County received approximately 6,200 doses from the recalled lots. The vaccine received by the Health Department was distributed to several private providers, school located vaccine clinics, as well as administered by the Health Department. All providers that received the affected lots have been notified.

It is important to remember that this is not a safety-related recall. Individuals who have been administered a dose of the recalled vaccine do not need to return for a second dose or take any other action.

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Health Director, Claudia Blackburn, says “It is disappointing that this may cause some to doubt the vaccine and the administration process. The vaccine remains safe and the best way for you to be protected against the H1N1 virus. The Health Department is working hard to get as many people vaccinated as possible and I continue to encourage those that have not yet received the vaccine to do so.”

If you have questions about H1N1, the vaccine, or the recall, contact the Flu Call Center at flu@sedgwick.gov or (316)-660-5558.

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