

TO: EZIZ Users
FROM: CDPH
SUBJECT: Influenza - It's not too late to vaccinate
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Dear EZIZ users:

In late December, we shared CDC's [HAN alert](#) about cases of severe pH1N1 among younger healthier individuals across the country. Flu season has arrived in California, with hospitalizations and deaths reported statewide.

We encourage healthcare providers to continue to:

- **Offer influenza immunizations.** Provide a strong recommendation and offer influenza immunizations to all patients 6 months of age and older, especially those at [high risk for complications](#). All available vaccine formulations this season contain a pH1N1 component. If you do not offer flu vaccine, refer patients to the Online flu vaccine finder: <http://flushot.healthmap.org/>. Ensure that your staff gets the flu vaccine, too.
- **Make sure that sick patients get prompt care.** Encourage all persons of all ages with influenza-like illness [who are at high risk for influenza complications](#) to seek care promptly to determine if treatment with influenza antiviral medications is warranted.

Resources:

- [CDPH Advisory Severe Influenza H1N1 \(PDF, New Window\)](#)
- [CDPH Influenza Press Release](#)
- Flu education materials are available at: <http://eziz.org/resources/flu-promo-materials/>