

**Blastfax**

**A Message from the Georgia Vaccines for Children Program Regarding H1N1 and Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Shipments**

Since the end of September, over 3.5 million doses of H1N1 influenza vaccine have been distributed to Georgia's providers. Currently, demand for this vaccine is waning. Providers are finding that the number of doses originally requested is in excess of what they are actually able to administer. **In order to reduce unneeded shipments, the vaccine distribution system has changed. Orders will no longer be placed based on original doses needed estimates. Instead, orders will be placed in response to specific requests for additional vaccine.** Requests should be sent via email to:

[GAH1N1Vaccination@dhr.state.ga.us](mailto:GAH1N1Vaccination@dhr.state.ga.us) with 'Vaccine Request' in the subject line. Include the following information:

- Provider Name
- Contact Person
- Phone Number (should we need to clarify the request)
- Number of doses requested. Order will be filled in its entirety whenever possible. Requests must be made in multiples of 100 doses.
- Please specify how many doses of live (nasal spray) vs. injectable vaccine are needed.

**Vaccine will only be shipped to providers with a signed Provider Agreement on file.**

Regarding **seasonal influenza vaccine**, the VFC Program has live vaccine and injectable vaccine available. Requests for this vaccine should be made via email to Monica Trigg ([mntrigg@dhr.state.ga.us](mailto:mntrigg@dhr.state.ga.us)). Providers should identify the number of doses (live and inactivated) that they would like. Requests will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

**2010 EPIC Immunization Education**

Is your staff up-to-date on the 2010 immunization recommendations? If not, schedule an EPIC Program now! The EPIC Program curriculum has been updated for 2010 to include all current immunization schedules recommendations and. The FREE programs, offer CME for physicians, contact hours for nurses, and a resource box containing valuable resources for your office.

To request an EPIC program, contact Shanrita McClain, Program Coordinator at 404-881-5054 or [smcclain@gaaap.org](mailto:smcclain@gaaap.org).

*For questions or concerns regarding this blastfax or any other immunization information, please contact the Chapter's Immunization Coordinator, Mike Chaney at (404) 881-5094 or [mchaney@gaaap.org](mailto:mchaney@gaaap.org).*