



State of Louisiana
Department of Health and Hospitals
Immunization Program

To: H1N1 Providers

Subject: Expired H1N1 Vaccine Return Guidance

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- Please route to:
- Clinical supervisor
 - Medical director
 - Clinic manager
 - Clinic staff
 - Pharmacy
 - Vaccine staff

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This email is to inform you on the return of expired H1N1 vaccine procedure. Please be advised that the manufacturers will not be accepting wasted or expired H1N1 vaccine returns.

Expired or compromised H1N1 vaccine must be accounted for prior to its disposal. Please contact the Immunization Consultant in your region to ensure accountability of the amount of H1N1 prior to disposal.

If your facility can safely dispose of the expired vaccine, you may do so following accounting of it. If not, please ship the expired or compromised H1N1 vaccine to the Immunization Program Office or call our program representatives for shipping instructions. Information on the regional Immunization Consultants can be found on the LINKS homepage.

Inquiries may be directed to the Immunization Program at 504-838-5300. Thank you.