

## **H1N1 Pediatric Vaccine Recall Update**

### **Dec. 17, 2009**

The Dec. 15 recall of four lots of Sanofi Pasteur's single-dose H1N1 Pediatric Vaccine impacted 108 providers in 40 counties in North Carolina. The vaccine was recalled because its potency level had fallen below established standards. This is not a safety issue, and those who received the vaccine do not have to get the shot again.

North Carolina received 17,900 doses of the about 800,000 doses that were recalled. These vaccinations were intended for children ages 6 months to 35 months of age. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has said the vaccine that was given out does offer protection against the H1N1 flu, as long as the children receive two doses of vaccine approximately one month apart, as recommended for young children.

The vaccine is being voluntarily recalled because the manufacturer determined the antigen content, which is the component in the vaccine that causes immunity to a virus, is slightly below the specified range. All of the affected vaccine in North Carolina was sent to private providers; no health departments received shipments of these particular lots of vaccine. While the Division of Public Health is releasing the names of the counties that received shipments of the affected vaccine, we are not releasing specific provider information. Most of the vaccine received by the providers was not involved in the recall.

For more information about vaccination and the flu, go to [flu.nc.gov](http://flu.nc.gov). For questions and answers on the recall, visit the CDC website at [www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/vaccination/syringes\\_qa.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/vaccination/syringes_qa.htm).

Providers will return the affected vaccine to the manufacturer. The recalled vaccine was originally shipped to providers in the following counties:

Anson	Dare	Lee	Rockingham
Ashe	Davidson	Lincoln	Rowan
Beaufort	Durham	Mecklenburg	Rutherford
Buncombe	Forsyth	Moore	Stanly
Burke	Gaston	New Hanover	Surry
Cabarrus	Guilford	Onslow	Swain
Caldwell	Haywood	Orange	Union
Catawba	Henderson	Pasquotank	Wake
Cleveland	Iredell	Randolph	Watauga
Craven	Jackson	Rockingham	Wayne