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Dear Participant:

The following enclosures provide information for your participation in the 2016-17 San Francisco Department of Public Health (SFDPH) Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Program.

The Influenza vaccine for this program is supplied free to SFDPH from the State of California and should be prioritized for patients who are low-income and meet high-risk criteria. This vaccine should NOT be used for staff members who have insurance coverage.

Your facility's allocation of the 2015-2016 Influenza Vaccine will be based on your request and available supply. We receive the vaccine in several shipments and we will do our best to ensure that your facility receives the requested doses during the first round of distribution. Any subsequent doses due to your facility will be distributed as we receive further shipments. Should you need additional vaccine once you've received all of your allocation, please contact our office via e-mail at Tina.Milton@sfdph.org or call 415-554-2724.

The enclosed application, signed usage agreement, signed Checklist for Safe Vaccine Storage and Handling, Key Staff Contacts Form, and other storage and handling related requests (outlined in an email to your site) must be completed and returned to our office no later than **Wednesday, August 31st, 2016**.

Finally, please take note of these important changes to the Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Program:

- 1) FluMist no longer recommended.** CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) voted on 6/22/16 that live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV), also known as the "nasal spray" flu vaccine FluMist, should not be used during 2016-17 season due to poor efficacy. Therefore, CDPU will not distribute FluMist this season. We intend to replace all FluMist with multidose vial injectable vaccine or prefilled syringes.
- 2) Data loggers required.** All sites receiving vaccine from CDPU will be required to use a data logger -- an electronic device that reads and records temperatures continuously and stores them in its internal memory. Temperatures can be viewed on a computer and saved as an electronic or paper file. A data logger must be used as the primary thermometer and a digital thermometer with a glycol probe must be used as a back-up. Sites must continue to record temperatures for both devices. You may wait to replace one of your thermometers with a data logger until that thermometer approaches its calibration due date. CDPU plans to help defray costs by purchasing data loggers for all sites that cannot afford to self-purchase.

3) Note your site's storage and handling requirements. On a case by case basis, additional storage and handling related documents may be requested along with your application. Applicants will only receive influenza vaccine after fulfilling all storage and handling requirements. Please review the email sent with this application, which lists the documents and information.

Please visit our website at www.sfdcp.org/flu vaccine on a regular basis throughout the flu season for updated information.

Thank you for your cooperation. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

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