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TO: H1N1 Influenza Community Partners

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SUBJECT: Fall 2009 H1N1 Influenza Clinician Toolkit

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Thank you for agreeing to collaborate with Kentucky's public health partners to provide the H1N1 influenza vaccine in your area. On June 11, 2009, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared a worldwide pandemic, indicating local transmission of the novel influenza A (H1N1) virus in multiple areas of the world. To minimize the adverse health outcomes of this virus in our state, the Kentucky Department for Public Health advocates a multi-pronged approach: 1) H1N1 influenza vaccine administration to targeted populations identified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 2) the appropriate use of antiviral medications, and 3) individual and community mitigation strategies, such as handwashing and social distancing.

The Fall 2009 H1N1 Influenza Clinician Toolkit provides a comprehensive clinician's guide to address the issues surrounding the pandemic, including the most recent CDC literature regarding the H1N1 influenza virus, sample protocols, clinical information regarding the vaccine, vaccine administration, antivirals, and patient education materials. Also included are community mitigation resources, infection control policies, useful H1N1 influenza websites, and a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) list.

This information is also located at: <http://healthalerts.ky.gov/Pages/HealthProfessionals.aspx>. Any new or updated information will be added to the toolkit link on this site. It is our hope this toolkit provides you and your staff with valuable resources and reference materials that will help you to provide the best possible care to your patients during this influenza season.

Thank you again for your willingness to participate in Kentucky's response to the H1N1 influenza pandemic.