STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH

ORDER FINDING IMMINENT DANGER TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH, TO AVOID THE IMMINENT DANGER AND TO CONTROL INFLUENZA VACCINATIONS

This Order is made pursuant to Section 2251 of the Public Health Code, Public Act 368 of 1978, being MCL 333.2251.

Matters of concern to the health of Michigan citizens having been brought to the attention of the Director of the Department of Community Health, and the Director having made the following determinations:

1) Chiron Corporation has notified the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that none of its influenza vaccine will be available for distribution in the United States for the 2004-05 influenza season.

2) This development will reduce by approximately one half the expected supply of influenza vaccine available in the United States for the 2004-05 influenza season.

3) This shortage of influenza vaccine poses an imminent danger to certain persons in high risk categories. "High risk categories" means:

   a) All children aged 6-23 months;

   b) Adults aged 65 years and older;

   c) Persons aged 2-64 years with underlying chronic medical conditions;

   d) All women who will be pregnant during the influenza season;

   e) Residents of nursing homes and long-term care facilities;

f) Children aged 6 months to 18 years on chronic aspirin therapy;

g) Health care workers involved in direct patient care; and

h) Out-of-home caregivers and household contacts of children aged < 6 months.

4) Exposure to influenza in persons in these high risk categories can result in death or serious illness.

5) To protect the public health, and prevent and control the spread of influenza in persons in high risk categories, it is essential that all health care providers in Michigan limit influenza vaccinations to persons in high risk categories.

6) Health care providers shall refrain from vaccinating healthy individuals not at high risk of serious illness or death.

7) This situation constitutes an imminent danger to the health or lives of residents of the state of Michigan; and

8) This determination is based on information provided by Dean Sienko, M.D., Acting Chief Medical Executive of the Michigan Department of Community Health.

Now, Therefore, It Is Hereby Ordered that:

A) All health care providers in Michigan shall limit influenza vaccinations to persons in high risk categories.

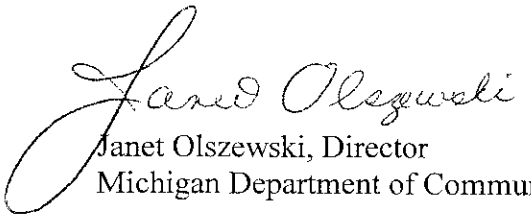
B) All health care providers and others that possess influenza vaccine shall cooperate with local health officers to assess vaccine supply and coordinate vaccination of persons in high risk categories.

C) Local health officers shall provide this order to health care providers in their jurisdiction, and this order shall be prominently posted in locations where influenza vaccinations are administered.

D) This order shall take effect immediately.

Pursuant to Section 2261 of the Public Health Code, Public Act 368 of 1978, being MCL 333.2261, a person who violates this order is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or a fine of not more than $200.00 or both.

Dated: October 14, 2004



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