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Public Health Department

Santa Clara Valley Health & Hospital System



Santa Clara County Stockpile of H1N1 Antiviral Medications
Authorized Commercial Pharmacy Locations

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To: All Licensed Health Care Professionals and Pharmacists, Santa Clara County

From: Martin Fenstersheib, MD, MPH
Health Officer

Santa Clara County Public Health Department is providing a supply of antiviral medications to authorized pharmacies. This supply of antiviral medications is part of the county’s allotment from the Strategic National Stockpile for the community mitigation of pandemic H1N1 virus. Currently, oseltamivir (Tamiflu) and zanamivir (Relenza) are available. Your patients may be eligible to fill their prescription for these antivirals from the local allotment of the Strategic National Stockpile if they both meet the criteria described in the *Order of the Health Officer, To All Providers of Influenza Antiviral Medications, from the Santa Clara County Stockpile, Effective September 28, 2009*, AND they are otherwise not able to obtain the medications because they are:

- Uninsured, or
- Not covered by private insurance for these medications, or
- Unable to pay for medication

If your patient meets the criteria, they are eligible to receive free antiviral medication. The following **Walgreens Pharmacies** are authorized by the Santa Clara County Public Health Department to distribute antiviral medication from the County’s Strategic National Stockpile:

Walgreens Pharmacies – 24 Hours:

Location	Phone Number
350 N. Capitol Ave., San Jose, CA 95133	408.259.9280
440 Blossom Hill Rd., San Jose, CA 95123	408.229.8013
423 N. Santa Cruz Ave., Los Gatos, CA 95030	408.354.8029
121 E. El Camino Real, Mt. View, CA 94040	650.961.7555

Walgreens Pharmacies – Hours of Operation:

Mon - Fri: 8am - 9pm

Sat: 9am - 6pm

Sun: 10am - 6pm

Location	Phone Number
770 1 st St., Gilroy, CA 95020	408.847.0983
745 E. Dunne Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037	408.782.9591
1130 Bird Ave., San Jose, CA 95125	408.295.6265
780 E. El Camino Real, Sunnyvale, CA 94087	408.738.9432
1334 Saratoga Ave., San Jose, CA 95129	408.249.7331

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The Public Health Department is a division of Santa Clara Valley Health & Hospital System, owned and operated by the County of Santa Clara.

Note: If patients are insured or have the ability to pay, licensed health care providers and pharmacists should dispense antiviral medications purchased through the commercial market as a first choice for treatment of cases, or prophylaxis of contacts to pandemic H1N1 influenza. The County stockpile should be used as a last resort such as when patients are not able to obtain them through third-party reimbursement or by private pay. In the event of a temporary local shortage of antiviral medications where antiviral medications are not available through other means, County stockpile antiviral medications may be used.

For information regarding antiviral use, please refer to the *Order of the Health Officer, To All Providers of Influenza Antiviral Medications, from the Santa Clara County Stockpile, Effective September 28, 2009*. For questions, please call the Public Health Information Line at 408.885.3980.

For information on ordering H1N1 antivirals for hospitals, clinics, and provider offices, please go to www.sccphd.org.



ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER
TO ALL PROVIDERS OF INFLUENZA ANTIVIRAL MEDICATIONS
FROM THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY STOCKPILE
EFFECTIVE: September 28, 2009

PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY IN CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTION 101040 AND GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 8558, THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA, HEREBY ISSUES THE FOLLOWING ORDER(S).

ALL LICENSED HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS* AND PHARMACISTS WHO ARE LOCATED WITHIN SANTA CLARA COUNTY MUST FOLLOW THE FOLLOWING PROTOCOL TO REQUEST AND USE INFLUENZA ANTIVIRAL MEDICATIONS FROM THE SANTA CLARA COUNTY STOCKPILE FOR TREATMENT OR PROPHYLAXIS OF INFLUENZA-LIKE ILLNESS :

Antiviral medications may be requested from the Santa Clara County stockpile for treatment or prophylaxis only when other avenues to obtain antivirals in the private or commercial sector have been exhausted.

Antiviral Treatment

Healthcare providers in Santa Clara County are hereby directed to utilize oseltamivir (Tamiflu) and/or zanamivir (Relenza) from the Santa Clara County stockpile for treatment strictly in accordance with the following guidelines, consistent with interim recommendations issued by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on September 22:

Treatment should be **considered** for patients with suspected, probable or confirmed pandemic H1N1 influenza infection who:

- Are hospitalized for evaluation and treatment of influenza-like illness (ILI); *or*
- Present with signs or symptoms of lower respiratory tract illness or clinical deterioration, *or*
- Are at higher risk for complications from influenza

Antiviral prophylaxis

Healthcare providers in Santa Clara County are hereby directed to utilize oseltamivir (Tamiflu) and/or zanamivir (Relenza) from the Santa Clara County stockpile for prophylaxis strictly in accordance with the following guidelines, consistent with interim recommendations issued by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on September 22:

Antiviral chemoprophylaxis can be **considered** for the following individuals:

- People at higher risk of complications from influenza who have had unprotected close contact (within six feet) with a person with a confirmed, probable, or suspected pandemic H1N1 case during the infectious period (one day before until seven days following illness onset); *or*
- Healthcare workers (especially those at high risk of complications from influenza) who have had a recognized close contact exposure (within six feet) to a person with a confirmed, probable, or suspected pandemic H1N1 virus during the infectious period (one day before until seven days following illness onset), AND who were not wearing appropriate personal protective equipment during that close contact; *or*

- Patients at high risk of complications from influenza who have had close contact (within 6 feet) with an infectious healthcare worker who was not wearing appropriate personal protective equipment

An alternative to post exposure prophylaxis is education about early signs and symptoms of influenza and evaluation and early treatment if signs or symptoms develop.

For CDC antiviral dosing recommendations, see <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/recommendations.htm>. Specific CDC guidelines on antiviral use in patients with cardiovascular disease, HIV-infected adults and adolescents, pregnant women, and young children are available under “Clinician Guidance for Specific Audience” at <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidance/>.

Definitions

Influenza-Like Illness (ILI): Fever >37.8°C [100°F] AND cough and/or sore throat in the absence of a known cause other than influenza.

Case Definitions:

- A *confirmed case* of pandemic H1N1 virus infection is defined as a person with ILI with laboratory confirmed influenza A (H1N1) virus infection by real-time RT-PCR or viral culture.
- A *probable case* of pandemic H1N1 virus infection is defined as a person with ILI who is either positive for influenza A, but negative for H1 and H3 by influenza RT-PCR; or has an epidemiologic link in the last 7 days to a confirmed or probable case of pandemic (H1N1) virus infection.
- A *suspected case* of pandemic H1N1 virus infection is defined as a person with ILI in Santa Clara County.

High Risk for Complications of Influenza

Persons at higher risk for complications of influenza include:

- Children younger than 2 years old
- Adults 65 years and older
- Pregnant women;
- Persons with the following conditions:
 - chronic pulmonary (including asthma), cardiovascular (except hypertension), renal, hepatic, hematological (including sickle cell disease), neurologic, neuromuscular, or metabolic disorders (including diabetes mellitus);
 - immunosuppression, including that caused by medications or by HIV;
 - disorders that can compromise respiratory function or the handling of respiratory secretions or that can increase the risk for aspiration (e.g., cognitive dysfunction, spinal cord injuries, severe seizure disorders, or other neuromuscular disorders)
 - persons younger than 19 years of age who are receiving long-term aspirin therapy, because of an increased risk of Reye syndrome.

Appropriate Personal Protective Equipment

Per current CDC guidelines and Cal-OSHA standards, appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) for healthcare workers interacting with patients with suspected or confirmed pandemic H1N1 includes a

fit-tested N95 respirator and other airborne precautions. For complete information on appropriate PPE, please see www.sccphd.org.

This order must be prominently posted in locations where influenza-like illness is evaluated and treated, and in places visible to the general public. If you have any questions regarding this order, please call the Public Health Information Line at 408.885.3980.

THIS ORDER REPLACES THE JULY 15 ORDER AND TAKES EFFECT IMMEDIATELY AND REMAINS IN EFFECT UNTIL RESCINDED BY THE HEALTH OFFICER. IT IS SO ORDERED.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Martin Fenstersheib, MD". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Martin Fenstersheib, MD, MPH
Health Officer

* Licensed Health Care Professional is defined as: Persons Licensed and Certified Pursuant to Division 2 (Commencing with Section 500) of The Business and Professions Code, The Osteopathic Initiative Act or The Chiropractic Initiative Act, or Division 2.5 (Commencing with Section 1797) of The Health and Safety Code.