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**PINELLAS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT COMPLIES WITH VOLUNTARY
RECALL OF H1N1 MEDIMMUNE NASAL SPRAY VACCINE**

MedImmune, the manufacturer of monovalent 2009 H1N1 nasal spray vaccine, notified the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Food & Drug Administration (FDA) this week that 13 lots of this vaccine had decreased in potency slightly or were in danger of falling below expected levels in the coming week.

As such, the CDC and FDA have announced a limited, voluntary, non-safety-related recall of remaining unused product. MedImmune has notified providers—including the Pinellas County Health Department--that unused vaccines from these lots which had been received should be returned. (The health department is complying with the recall by returning any unused vaccines from the 13 lots.) The slight decrease in vaccine potency will not affect anyone who has already been vaccinated with any of the recalled lots.

All children younger than 10 years old should get the recommended two doses of 2009 H1N1 vaccine about a month apart. Parents of children who have received a first dose of Medimmune nasal spray should still schedule their child's second dose as recommended.

The 13 lots in the recall number about 4.7 million doses around the nation. They were shipped to CDC's distributor in October and early November. Most of the doses are believed to have already been administered while fully potent and within specifications.

For more information, call the H1N1 Public Information Line, (727) 824-6964, or go to

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