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CHILDREN NOT HARMED BY RECALLED H1N1 VACCINE

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notified local health departments and health care providers today of a voluntary recall of certain lots of pediatric H1N1 vaccine shipped in pre-filled syringes. According to the FDA and CDC, the antigen content (or potency) of the vaccine was lower or weaker than specified by the manufacturer, Sanofi Pasteur.

CDC officials assured providers that there is no need to re-vaccinate children who received these recalled doses but did emphasize children less than 10 years of age need to receive the second dose of H1N1 vaccine 30 days after the first dose as previously recommended.

“The important message for this recall is that the vaccine remains safe and children less than 10 years of age still need that second dose as recommended” says Dr. Shari Medford, local pediatrician and Deputy Health Authority for the Amarillo Bi-City-County Health District. “I’m telling parents and other providers that the vaccine is safe and still an important way to prevent H1N1 infections.”

The Department of Public Health received 260 doses of the recalled vaccine and has administered 91 of those doses in prior public clinics. “We’re assured that there are no safety concerns for children who have received the vaccine” said Matt Richardson, Director of Public Health for the City of Amarillo. “We will continue to follow the recommendations by the CDC and FDA and monitor any future developments.”

Parents or guardians can contact the health department at (806) 351-7220 for additional information.

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