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**TO:** School Nurse Supervisors  
School Based Health Clinic Nurse Practitioners

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**SUBJECT:** School Nurses Identified as H1N1 Vaccine Priority Group

School nurses and nurse practitioners have been identified by the State Department of Public Health (DPH) as a priority group to be vaccinated in the early rounds of Connecticut's H1N1 Influenza vaccine campaign. School nurses and nurse practitioners are involved in both public health activities and care of children with illnesses, accidents or chronic diseases. They regularly identify outbreaks of influenza and other communicable diseases and provide direct care to children who are considered to be one of the most at risk populations for contracting the H1N1 Influenza.

Each school nurse supervisor must extend this invitation to school nurses working in private schools within their communities. Local school nurse teams (School Based Health Clinic nurse practitioners, public and private school nurses) who are interested in receiving the H1N1 vaccine may contact their local health department directors to assure that they are a part of upcoming allocation of vaccines. Contact information for local health department directors can be found on the DPH Web site at <http://www.ct.gov/dph/mda> or by calling 211.

If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Knutson, School Health Consultant at 860-807-2108 or [Stephanie.knutson@ct.gov](mailto:Stephanie.knutson@ct.gov).

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