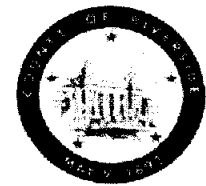


**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: Community Health Agency

SUBMITTAL DATE:

SUBJECT: Update on H1N1 Influenza

September 29, 2009

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors Receive and File this update on the 2009/2010 influenza season.

BACKGROUND: The 2009/2010 influenza season will be a challenge in the United States, California and for Riverside County. We will have the usual seasonal influenza along with the first full season of H1N1 pandemic influenza.

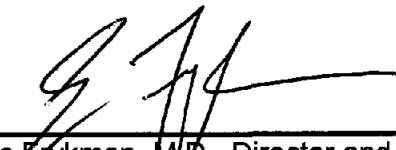
Concerns about H1N1 began in April 2009 with an outbreak in Mexico which later spread throughout the United States. In June, the World Health Organization (WHO) raised the H1N1 flu to a "pandemic" level. To date in Riverside County, we have had 447 cases of H1N1 along with six deaths. We expect to see more cases of H1N1 with more deaths to our residents.

The Community Health Agency, Department of Public Health (DOPH) expects to begin receiving the H1N1 vaccines by mid-October. Individuals 10 years of age and older will require one dose of each vaccine. Preliminary information indicates that children nine years of age and younger may need two doses of H1N1 vaccine.

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Departmental Concurrence

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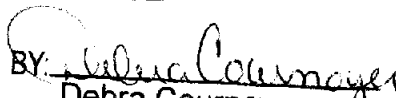

Eric Frykman, M.D., Director and
Public Health Officer

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 0	In Current Year Budget:	NO
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	NO
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	2009/10

SOURCE OF FUNDS:	NO FUNDS INVOLVED	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

BY: 
Debra Cournoyer

County Executive Office Signature

- Dep't Recomm.: Consent Policy
- Per Exec. Ofc.: Consent Policy

Prev. Agn. Ref.: NONE

District: ALL

Agenda Number:

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Background Continued:

The population vulnerable to H1N1 differs from seasonal flu. In seasonal flu, we are most concerned about those over 65 years of age and infants. For H1N1 those susceptible are people from six months to 24 years of age. Other high risk groups include pregnant women and those under 64 years of age with chronic diseases such as asthma or heart problems.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is distributing grant funding to the states and local health departments to plan for and administer the H1N1 vaccine to high risk groups. In support of this all-out effort, DOPH expects to receive approximately \$2.5 million this fiscal year.

DOPH will work closely with the Riverside County Office of Education, school districts and childcare centers to ensure that we reach school age children with the H1N1 vaccine.

It will be important to collaborate with the medical community, community clinics, health insurers, physician groups, hospitals and medical volunteers as well as other county departments, including DPSS/First 5 Riverside in order to get as many people as possible vaccinated.

DOPH will receive federal funding to pay for the H1N1 planning and vaccine distribution activities. Because of this funding and efforts by volunteers, community-based groups and other organizations, we anticipate that there will be no impact to the County General Fund. DOPH will be asking the Executive Office to approve hiring approximately 30 temporary (TAP) workers to assist in the effort. These staff will include: RNs, LVNs, Health Services Assistants and support staff. In addition, DOPH employees currently on furlough may be asked to work on their furlough days or on overtime shifts to staff the expected dozens of H1N1 vaccination clinics that will be planned to meet this unprecedented need.

We appreciate the support the Board of Supervisors has always shown in situations such as this. It is only by working together, both within the County and with the community, that we can hope to stem the full onset of H1N1 pandemic flu.