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## HEALTH ADVISORY *11/6/2009*

TO: HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

FROM: HEATHER HILL, RN, BSN, PHN IV  
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RE: **H1N1 VACCINE CONTRACTS STILL AVAILABLE**

As of November 6, 2009 we have contracts with 104 providers in Benton and Franklin Counties to receive H1N1 vaccine. Most of these providers have received at least one shipment of vaccine. Requests for contracts continue to come in and we are happy to process these. Here is how this can be accomplished:

- If you signed up in the DOH Portal, you still must complete a DOH contract with us. All the Portal did was alert DOH as to which providers to assign PIN numbers and send blank contracts to. All contracts must be processed through individual health departments.
- The Portal was closed as of September 25, but you still can get a contract by notifying us at (509) 460-4226 and speak with Amy Shelton, RN or e-mail her at [amyh@bfhd.wa.gov](mailto:amyh@bfhd.wa.gov). We will fax you the contract and information.

We are getting many phone calls from individuals requesting H1N1 vaccine that have been referred to us by their health care provider. **At this point we are not providing vaccine in our offices.** Once all the providers, including pharmacies, have received doses we will consider conducting clinics at that time.

The supply of H1N1 vaccine should increase over the next few weeks, but we are unable to predict exactly how much vaccine will be allotted to us at any given time. Therefore, we are attempting to equitably divide up the doses once they are received with all the providers requesting vaccine.

If you have questions, please don't hesitate to call me at (509) 460-4232 or e-mail at [heatherh@bfhd.wa.gov](mailto:heatherh@bfhd.wa.gov)