

**2004  
Vaccine  
Shortage**

# WHO SHOULD GET FLU VACCINE?

Because influenza (flu) vaccine is in very short supply in 2004, the California State Health Officer has ordered that only people at high risk of getting very sick from the flu should get flu vaccine.

We are reserving our vaccine for only those who need it the most. To better serve our patients, please answer the following questions:

<b>Is the person seeking flu vaccination...</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
1. 6 to 23 months old?		
2. 65 years or older?		
3. At least 6 months of age AND required regular medical care or stayed in the hospital in the last year for one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heart disease</li> <li>• Lung disease, including asthma</li> <li>• Diabetes</li> <li>• Kidney disease</li> <li>• Sickle cell disease and related blood diseases</li> <li>• Immune system weak from diseases (like cancer) or medications</li> </ul>		
4. Pregnant?		
5. A resident of a nursing home or a long-term care facility?		
6. 6 months to 18 years old AND receiving long-term aspirin therapy?		
7. A healthcare worker involved in direct patient care?		
8. A caregiver or household contact for a child younger than 6 months old?		

If you answered "NO" to all of the questions above, please skip your flu vaccine this year so that high-risk priority individuals may be vaccinated. We apologize that we cannot make exceptions.

Vaccine providers: Please be reminded that Vaccines for Children (VFC) supplied vaccine can only be used to vaccinate VFC-eligible children 18 years old and younger.

Patient Information (optional):