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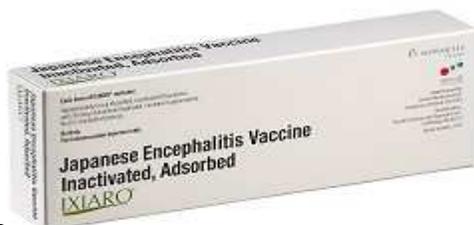
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Vaccine Availability



Japanese Encephalitis

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in coordination with Sanofi will only be providing their vaccine (JE-VAX®) to customers for the vaccination age group of 1 thru 16 years of age. This is done to assure that there is a vaccine for this age group available.

IXIARO® is the new recently FDA approved Japanese Encephalitis Vaccine being distributed by Novartis. This vaccine is indicated for ages 17 and older and is available only in syringe form. The dose regimen is 0.5ml on day 0 and day 28, for a total of two doses.



Yellow Fever

Sanofi Pasteur has currently placed in allocation a limited amount of both the singles and the multi-dose vials of Yellow Fever, supplying vaccine for deployment only once approved by DSCP.

Measles Mumps and Rubella

Merck will prioritize the production of M-M-R II vaccine for the reason that, the monovalent vaccines of measles (Attenuvax®), mumps (Mumpsvax®), and Rubella (Meruvax®) are currently not available to order. Production of these vaccines has been suspended for at least 2 years.





Hepatitis B Vaccine

Merck's Recombivax® (Hepatitis B) vaccine will not be available for the remainder of 2009. This includes both the vials and the syringes, but both form of administration are available from GSK (Engerix®) under 6505-00-000-6461 for a five pack of syringes or under 6505-01-559-0924 for a 10 pack of single dose vials.



Hepatitis A Vaccine:

Merck's (Vaqta®) vaccine will not be available for the remainder of 2009. GSK's Hepatitis A Syringes (Havrix®) will still be available under 6505-01-498-1895.



Flu Update!

Every flu season has the potential to cause a lot of illness, doctor's visits, hospitalizations and deaths. CDC is concerned that the new H1N1 flu virus could result in a particularly severe flu season this Year. Vaccines are the best tool we have to prevent influenza. CDC hopes that people will start to go out and get vaccinated against seasonal influenza as soon as vaccines become available (this may be as early as August for some). The seasonal flu vaccine is unlikely to provide protection against novel H1N1 influenza. However **a novel H1N1 vaccine is currently in production and may be ready for the public in the fall.** The novel H1N1 vaccine is not intended to replace the seasonal flu vaccine – it is intended to be used along-side seasonal flu vaccine (www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu). We have started allocating this year's vaccine .This year's Seasonal Flu Vaccine 2009-2010 is Fluvirin®, indicated for ages 4 years and older. The ten dose vials are \$66.71 and a limited supply of syringes are available at \$63.25 for a package of 10.