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### MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** October 14, 2009

**TO:** District 8-2

**FROM:** Jacqueline H. Grant, MD, MPH, MPA  
District Health Director

**SUBJECT:** MedImmune's definition of severely immunocompromised as it pertains to Influenza A (H1N1) 2009 Monovalent Vaccine Live, Intranasal

MedImmune does not recommend giving the intranasal H1N1 vaccine to household contacts of severely immunocompromised individuals. Per MedImmune, the only individuals meeting their definition of severely immunocompromised are those persons who have received bone marrow/ hematopoietic stem cell transplants **during those periods in which they require care in a protective environment**. Persons receiving intranasal live attenuated flu vaccines should avoid contact with bone marrow/ hematopoietic stem cell transplant recipients for seven days.

Please screen all persons (especially healthcare and EMS workers) requesting intranasal vaccines for close contact with bone marrow/ hematopoietic stem cell transplant recipients. Advise patients with potential close contact with bone marrow/ hematopoietic stem cell transplants to avoid close contact with the immunocompromised individual for at least seven days. If close contact with bone marrow/ hematopoietic stem cell transplant recipients can not be avoided for seven days (i.e., hematology / oncology nurse or physician), then it is best to defer H1N1 vaccination until the injectable vaccines are available.

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