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***** Health Advisory*****
Fake Influenza Vaccine

Harris County Public Health and Environmental Services (HCPHES) is working with the U.S. Attorney on the investigation of the fake flu vaccine that was administered to a number of employees at a recent corporate sponsored health fair.

HCPHES would like to remind anyone who will be sponsoring an influenza vaccination clinic to ensure that the contracting agency:

1. is licensed ([Click here to verify.](#))
2. uses licensed nurses to give the flu shots ([Click here to verify.](#))
3. provides you with a contact name, telephone number, and address;
4. provides you with documentation on the number of doses given and all lot numbers used at your event before leaving the premises.

The contracting agency may use pre-filled syringes or vials of influenza vaccine. To ensure the integrity of the vaccine:

1. if pre-filled syringes are used, your flu shot coordinator should check to see if they are in sealed packaging containing the manufacturer label and lot number;
2. if the vaccine is in vials, your flu shot coordinator should check to make sure the vials are the original containers and the metal crimping seal is intact;
3. all vials should be unopened at start of event and your flu shot coordinator should instruct the supplier not to use partially used vials; and,
4. pre-filled syringes are held at proper temperatures (refrigerated or on ice).

If you have already held a vaccination clinic and provided flu vaccinations, HCPHES would like to take this opportunity to identify the provider of supplies and services. Please provide us with the following information:

- Name of your company/facility: _____
- Location of event: _____
- Date of event: _____
- Flu shot coordinator or occupational health nurse:
Name: _____ Phone: _____
- Name of company providing supplies and/or services:

- Contact name: _____ Phone: _____

Thank you for assisting us in further identifying providers of influenza vaccine in our community.

Please fax this information to HCPHES Epidemiology at 713-439-6306 or if you have further questions you may call Cindy Kilborn at 713-439-6160.