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## RE: Influenza vaccine supply

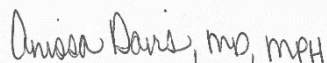
To CDPH Leadership,

On behalf of the California Conference of Local Health Officers (CCLHO), I would like to share our support for the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to preemptively purchase adequate supply of the Influenza vaccine, specifically as it relates to the elderly population. As you are aware, influenza causes thousands of deaths each year, especially among the elderly. For the 2022-2023 influenza season, the Advisory Committee Immunization Practices recommends that adults aged  $\geq 65$  years preferentially receive any one of the following higher dose or adjuvanted influenza vaccines: quadrivalent high-dose inactivated influenza vaccine (HD-IIV4), quadrivalent recombinant influenza vaccine (RIV4), or quadrivalent adjuvanted inactivated influenza vaccine (aIIV4). Data support greater potential benefit of HD-IIV3, aIIV3, or RIV4 relative to standard-dose unadjuvanted IIVs in this age group, with the most data available for HD-IIV3; but comparisons of these vaccines with one another are limited.

CCLHO recommends that CDPH purchase higher dose or adjuvanted influenza vaccine for the 2023-2024 season. We feel this investment will provide a substantial return on decreased mortality and morbidity. CCLHO would be happy to work with the state to determine the best proportion to purchase.

CCLHO was established in statute in 1947 to advise the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), other departments, boards, commissions, and officials of federal, state and local agencies, the Legislature, and other organizations on all matters affecting health. CCLHO membership consists of all legally appointed physician health officers in California's 61 city and county jurisdictions.

Sincerely,



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