



Important Information from the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (SAMHD)

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Procedures for Wasted or Expired H1N1 Vaccine

Due to the recent expiration of large numbers of H1N1 vaccine, the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District (SAMHD) would like to provide information regarding proper procedures that should be followed for disposal of wasted and expired H1N1 Influenza Vaccine as directed by the Department of State Health Services (DSHS). Currently, the Metro Health and the DSHS **will not accept** returns of wasted or expired H1N1 vaccine. Once provider offices have taken receipt of H1N1 vaccine as viable product, it becomes the responsibility of the provider to ensure proper disposal of any wasted or expired product.

The following procedures from DSHS should be followed to properly dispose of wasted or expired H1N1 vaccine:

- Vaccine Ordering and Reporting System (VORS) registered providers are **required** to enter all wasted/expired vaccine doses in the VORS Doses Administered section, Wasted Field.
- Providers should dispose of wasted or expired H1N1 vaccine by placing them in sharps containers, biohazard waste bags, etc.
- For additional information on H1N1 Influenza vaccine procedures visit DSHS website located at: www.dshs.state.tx.us/txflu/flu-provider-toolkit.shtm.
- For additional information regarding H1N1 Influenza Vaccine visit : www.dshs.state.tx.us/txflu/flu-vaccineprovider.shtm

SAMHD thanks you for your continued efforts to protect our community.