

## **NEWS**

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### **CDHD Suspends School-Based H1N1 Vaccination Effort**

The Central District Health Department (CDHD) will today suspend its school-based H1N1 (swine) flu vaccination program in the Boise and Meridian school districts. Deliveries of additional doses of nasal spray and injectable vaccine did not arrive as expected this week, forcing planners to suspend the program until additional vaccine arrives. CDHD, like all other health agencies around the country, must adjust its plans for distributing the vaccine because of a smaller supply than what was originally projected.

"Children remain one of the top priority groups," said Rob Howarth, Incident Commander for the flu operations at CDHD. "But we can only dispense the vaccine we have on hand and today we're going to run out."

Howarth wants to assure parents that CDHD will resume the school-based vaccination program as soon as adequate supplies arrive. CDHD is also working on a plan to have a private provider vaccinate students in private and charter schools, but that plan is also dependent on vaccine availability.

Additional information can be found on the CDHD website [www.cdhd.idaho.gov](http://www.cdhd.idaho.gov) and by calling the Flu Hotline 321-2222.

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