



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
P.O. Box 3378
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Dear Hawaii Healthcare Provider,

Understanding the difficulty that providers have in matching their yearly pre-ordering of influenza vaccine with their actual use, the Hawaii Department of Health (DOH) in collaboration with the American Academy of Pediatrics, Hawaii Chapter, (HAAP) are pleased to announce the availability of the DOH maintained website: The Hawaii Influenza Vaccine Exchange, <http://vaxexchange.doh.hawaii.gov/>.

This public service website provides a forum for healthcare providers practicing in Hawaii to exchange information regarding their influenza vaccine supply. Those providers who may have an excess of influenza vaccine and those who are in need of additional doses may post this information to facilitate the exchange of influenza vaccine between providers. It is the responsibility of the buyer and the seller to contact one another and make the necessary arrangements for any vaccine exchange. Neither DOH nor HAAP endorse, guarantee, or warrant the influenza vaccine inventory or information exchanged between providers. Vaccine inventory is expected to be exchanged at cost as the site was not created to support "for profit" transactions between providers.

Vaccines for Children (VFC) influenza vaccine is supplied by the Hawaii Immunization Program for VFC-eligible children only and should NOT be posted on this website or exchanged directly between providers. If you have a surplus of VFC influenza vaccine, please contact the VFC program at (808) 586-8300.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Paul V. Effler in black ink.

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Chief, Disease Outbreak Control Division

Handwritten signature of Galen Chock in black ink.

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