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To Heads of All Health Institutions

**Vaccination of Healthcare Workers against Influenza H1N1 Infection in Response to a Possible  
Second Wave of Pandemic Influenza A/H1N1 Outbreak**

As you are aware, the second wave of the influenza A/H1N1 pandemic is spreading in the country. Twenty cases of Pandemic influenza A/H1N1 had been confirmed to date since the onset of the second wave in the first week of October. In the face of this development, the Ministry of Health has advocated certain measures to be taken by all main health institutions through a letter dated 07/10/10 from the Epidemiology Unit.

Further to these measures, I would strongly recommend that all your staff be protected through the Influenza A/H1N1 vaccine, fresh stocks of which are now available. Healthcare workers are the first line care givers to these patients and are therefore most vulnerable to the infection.

Further, there is high potential that an incubating and infected health care worker may transmit this infection to a high risk and terminally ill patients in a healthcare setting and in all circumstances it should be prevented by mandatory vaccination of all health care workers.

The first wave of the pandemic which peaked in November-December last year recorded 48 deaths and 642 confirmed cases giving a high case fatality rate in the country.

Please make arrangements to alert your staff on the availability of the vaccine and to prepare necessary facilities to immunize them through your infection control team.

The Regional Epidemiologist of the district would be available to provide you with necessary instructions and advice. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need further clarifications regarding the issue. Necessary circulars and guidelines are available at the Epidemiology Unit website [www.epid.gov.lk](http://www.epid.gov.lk)

Thank you,

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