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Pete Ricketts, Governor

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To: Vaccines for Children Providers and Adult Immunization Program

From: Nebraska Vaccines for Children Program

Subject: Flu Vaccine Available

Flu Vaccine for both VFC and AIP is now open to all clinics regardless of what you have reserved. Please feel free to order what you need. Continue to offer vaccination until flu vaccine expires typically in June.

Influenza (flu) disease is widespread across Nebraska according to the Nebraska Influenza Surveillance System. Influenza is a highly infectious disease of the lungs that can cause mild to severe illness and lead to death. Symptoms may include fever or feeling feverish, chills, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle or body aches, headaches and fatigue.

Flu vaccination is the primary method for preventing influenza. The Centers for Disease Control recommends that everyone age six months and older receive the flu vaccine every year. Those who have not yet received an immunization this flu season are encouraged to do so.

Please continue to order needed flu vaccine and offer vaccination. Thank you.

If you have questions, please call the Nebraska Immunization Program at 402-471-6423 or 800-798-1696.