

VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

FINDINGS AND ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH PROVIDING
TEMPORARY AUTHORIZATION TO QUALIFIED EMT-I AND EMT-P
PERSONNEL TO ADMINISTER H1N1 AND SEASONAL INFLUENZA VACCINE

The Commissioner of the Vermont Department of Health (“Department”), pursuant Emergency Medical Services Rule (“EMS Rule”) 8.8 hereby Finds, Determines and Orders, as follows:

FINDINGS

1. The 2009 H1N1 influenza virus is widespread in Vermont.
2. The Department, in conjunction with community partners, are offering unprecedented mass vaccination clinics across the State to administer the 2009 H1N1 influenza vaccine, during the same period as public health clinics are being held to offer seasonal influenza vaccinations.
3. Maximizing the number of people that receive the 2009 H1N1 and seasonal influenza vaccines will protect the public health and safety and prevent the spread of the 2009 H1N1 and seasonal influenza viruses through decreasing:
 - (a) Additional outbreaks of illness;
 - (b) The number of people who will suffer serious complications or die;
 - (c) Business and school closures;
 - (d) Shortages or interruptions of essential services.
4. In order to maximize the number of people that receive the vaccines, it is critical to maximize the pool of qualified health care providers to serve in both the 2009 H1N1 and seasonal influenza vaccination clinics so that as many people who want to be vaccinated can receive vaccine as soon as it becomes available. Qualified EMT

personnel are required to meet the need for an expanded pool of health care providers available to administer influenza vaccines.

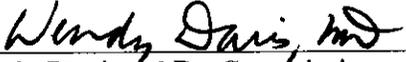
5. Qualified EMT personnel must file an application with the Department in order to obtain the special authorization to administer vaccines and must receive training and function within the limits of the scope of this authorization as provided in EMS Rule 8.8.

Conclusion and Order

Therefore, to protect the public health and safety, I hereby ORDER that that qualified EMT-I and EMT-P personnel may apply to the Department for special temporary authorization to administer the 2009 H1N1 and seasonal influenza vaccines in accordance with EMS Rule 8.8 from the date of this order until February 15, 2010.

SO ORDERED.

Dated at Burlington, Vermont this 17th day of November, 2009.



Wendy Davis, M.D., Commissioner
Vermont Department of Health