

STATES ISSUE EMERGENCY ORDERS FOR FLU VACCINE

To date, eight states and the District of Columbia have issued emergency orders directing providers not to give the flu vaccine to anyone not identified by CDC as high risk. Most orders identify penalties for non-compliance which vary in severity. Individual counties also have implemented orders similar to their state's action and several have acted where no state action has occurred.

Gregory Buck, MD, Chair, ACP Wisconsin Chapter Health and Public Policy Committee, reported that the state of Wisconsin imposed an "emergency order" on the distribution of the flu vaccine that carries a penalty of court action.

The emergency orders can be accessed below for California, District of Columbia, Florida, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Mexico, Dutchess County (New York), Oregon, South Carolina, King County (Washington), and Wisconsin.

Additional state information on this and other issues relating to the flu vaccine shortage, such as price gouging, implementation of vaccination guidelines, reallocation guidance, and educational materials can be found on the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials' (ASTHO) web site at

http://www.astho.org/index.php?template=influenza_resources.html. The ASTHO site also has links to state health departments. GO to:
http://www.astho.org/index.php?template=regional_links.php&PHPSESSID=ce1bc9a280372c1b766635f9e873af07

For local government information visit the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) Web site at <http://www.naccho.org/general1225.cfm>.

EMERGENCY ORDERS

[California](http://www.dhs.ca.gov/ps/dcdc/izgroup/pdf/DHS%20Order10-08-04.pdf) <http://www.dhs.ca.gov/ps/dcdc/izgroup/pdf/DHS%20Order10-08-04.pdf>

[District of Columbia](http://doh.dc.gov/news_room/release.asp?id=260) http://doh.dc.gov/news_room/release.asp?id=260

[Florida](http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/od/phlp/docs/FluVac.doc) <http://www.phppo.cdc.gov/od/phlp/docs/FluVac.doc>

[Massachusetts](http://www.mass.gov/dph/cdc/epii/flu/flu_order.htm) http://www.mass.gov/dph/cdc/epii/flu/flu_order.htm

[Michigan](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/Public_Health_Order_-_Flu_Vaccine_-_101404_106162_7.pdf) http://www.michigan.gov/documents/Public_Health_Order_-_Flu_Vaccine_-_101404_106162_7.pdf

[New Mexico](http://www.health.state.nm.us/flu/public/Public_Health_Order_Influenza_Vaccine.pdf) http://www.health.state.nm.us/flu/public/Public_Health_Order_Influenza_Vaccine.pdf

[New York - Health Order by the Dutchess County, NY Commissioner of Health](http://archive.naccho.org/Documents/FluShortage/COH-HEALTH-ORDER-10-08-04-signed.pdf)
<http://archive.naccho.org/Documents/FluShortage/COH-HEALTH-ORDER-10-08-04-signed.pdf>

[Oregon](http://www.dhs.state.or.us/news/2004news/2004-1008.html) <http://www.dhs.state.or.us/news/2004news/2004-1008.html>

[South Carolina](#)

http://www.scdhec.net/news/releases/pdf_files/Flu/PublicHealthAdvisory_Flu_20041014final.pdf

[Washington State - King County, WA Flu Vaccine Health Order](#)

<http://www.metrokc.gov/health/news/04101201.htm>

[Wisconsin](#) <http://www.wisgov.state.wi.us/docview.asp?docid=1071&locid=19>

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