

It's Not Too Late to Vaccinate Against the Flu, Especially in California, Advises FFF Enterprises

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Amid reports of a rapidly worsening flu outbreak in Southern California and fears of a flu vaccine shortage, FFF Enterprises, Inc., has supplies of flu vaccine still available for immediate delivery. With headquarters in Temecula, Calif., FFF, the nation's leading flu vaccine distributor, is prepared to ship vaccine orders throughout the state – and the country – as quickly as they come in.

“FFF is prepared to respond to the unpredictable nature of flu season. And our secure supply chain can always be counted on to deliver safe products – even in times of limited supply,” explains Patrick M. Schmidt, chief executive officer, FFF Enterprises, Inc. “We purchase direct from manufacturers and sell only to licensed hospitals, pharmacies and clinics.

As of February 4, 2013, the California Department of Public Health is reporting 14 flu-related deaths. According to recent reports by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 45 children have died nationwide. The CDC is also reporting record flu rates and deaths among seniors (older than 65 years of age). Health officials confirm that the 2012-2013 flu season may be one of the most severe in over a decade.

For the general public, fighting seasonal flu begins with getting a flu shot, but for healthcare providers, step one is securing adequate supplies of vaccine. In 2006, FFF launched its innovative program MyFluVaccine (www.MyFluVaccine.com) to help streamline the flu vaccine distribution process and give healthcare providers choice, convenience and the safety of a secure supply chain when ordering flu vaccine. In addition to easy online ordering, MyFluVaccine.com provides news, updates, resources and clinic planning tools. For consumers, employer groups, and providers there are special informative sections like “Flu Vaccine Myths & Facts” that are downloadable as PDFs from the website.

“The important thing to note is that the current vaccine formulation is highly effective against all three influenza strains that are circulating,” says Schmidt. “Although

flu season is already in full swing in California and across the country, there is still time for individuals to protect themselves and their loved ones by getting vaccinated.”

Peak season is generally in February but can run well into March.

About FFF Enterprises, Inc.

Temecula-based FFF Enterprises is the largest and most trusted distributor of plasma products, vaccines and other biopharmaceuticals in the U.S. Founded in 1988, FFF is now in its 25th year with more than a billion dollars in annual sales and a flawless safety track record. FFF has taken a leadership position in regard to supply chain safety and innovation, setting new standards and pioneering industry firsts. FFF's commitment to Guaranteed Channel Integrity™ ensures that products are purchased only from the manufacturer and shipped only to healthcare providers, with additional steps taken to safely store, handle and ship products to ensure patient safety is never compromised. FFF's proprietary systems, Verified Electronic Pedigree™ and Lot-Track™, provide verification of this secure channel, and FFF's MyFluVaccine (www.MyFluVaccine.com) and VaxAmerica (www.VaxAmerica.com) are revolutionary vaccination programs that have added a new level of safety, convenience and reliability to both healthcare providers and consumers.

