

For Immediate Release

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***Cheshire Medical Center/Dartmouth-Hitchcock Keene  
Did Not Receive or Distribute Recalled Vaccine***

(Keene, NH, 12/16/2009 9:41 AM) — Cheshire Medical Center/Dartmouth-Hitchcock Keene did not receive or distribute any flu vaccines from lots being recalled nationwide.

One of the vaccine manufacturers, Sanofi Pasteur, has issued a recall for four lots of pediatric H1N1 vaccine. The reason for the recall is that the strength of the vaccine is slightly below the recommended level. The manufacturer reports that the pre-filled syringes lost a small degree of potency as they aged. The strength of the recalled vaccines, while below the recommended levels, is sufficient enough to allow children to develop immunities to the H1N1 flu. All children, however, 9 years and under, receive the H1N1 vaccine as a series of two shots. The second shot or “booster” already required in the series will help children further develop immunities to the H1N1 flu.

Parents of children who received vaccine from the recalled lots do not need to take any action, other than to complete the two-dose immunization series. For more information on the vaccine recall, visit:

[http://www.flu.gov/individualfamily/vaccination/syringes\\_qa.html](http://www.flu.gov/individualfamily/vaccination/syringes_qa.html)

Two area H1N1 clinics are scheduled for this weekend—on Saturday afternoon at Keene High School (for Keene High School students, KHS staff, and parents and siblings of KHS students) and at the South Meadow School in Peterborough on Sunday morning (open to the general public). For detailed flu clinic information any time of day or night,

call Cheshire Medical/Center Dartmouth-Hitchcock Keene's information lines or visit its website at [www.cheshiremed.org](http://www.cheshiremed.org).

Seasonal Flu vaccine info: 354-5405 Option #1

H1N1 Flu vaccine info: 354-5405 Option #2

Pediatric Flu Clinic Hotline: 354-6665