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TO: Medical Personnel,
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SUBJECT: HOLIDAY IMMUNIZATION SHIPPING SCHEDULES

The New Hampshire Immunization Program has been notified that McKesson and Merck will suspend the shipment of vaccine as follows:

McKesson will not ship vaccine on the following days:

1. **Thanksgiving Week:** November 24 to November 26
2. **Christmas Week:** December 22 to December 24
3. **New Years:** January 1, 2009

Merck set the following holiday schedule for the delivery of varicella vaccine:

1. **Thanksgiving:** Varicella orders must be placed by Wednesday, November 17 for delivery prior to November 27, 2008. Shipments will resume on December 1, 2008
2. **Christmas:** Varicella orders must be placed by Tuesday, December 16 for delivery prior to December 19, 2008. Shipping will resume on January 5, 2009.

Review your vaccine inventory and expected vaccine usage throughout the holiday season. Order appropriately so you do not run out of vaccines. You will not be restricted to your 'regular tiered ordering schedule.' Flu vaccine is available at McKesson for distribution throughout November and December.

Please notify NHIP if you are planning to close during normal business hours during the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year holidays. NHIP must alert McKesson to any changes in your office hours. Failure to update your schedule may result in vaccine being lost or returned to McKesson.

**FORWARD TO ALL
APPROPRIATE PERSONNEL IMMEDIATELY**

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