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NEWS RELEASE

NO RECALLED VACCINE AT ST. JOHNS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA – St. Johns County Health Department does not have any of the recalled 2009 H1N1 Swine Flu vaccine. Earlier this week, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) announced a non-safety related recall of specific lots of pediatric H1N1 injectable vaccine. The vaccine, manufactured by Sanofi Pasteur, did not meet technical postproduction standards for potency.

“None of the H1N1 Swine Flu vaccinations administered to children at St. Johns County Health Department or at offsite Health Department clinic events were from recalled lots,” stated Dr. Dawn Allicock, Director of St. Johns County Health Department. “It is important to know that the recalled vaccine was the formula used for children ages 6 months to 25 months old. If a child within this age group received vaccination from somewhere other than the St. Johns County Health Department, we encourage their parents/guardians to contact their health care provider’s office.”

According to information received from the CDC, the vaccine potency is only slightly below the “specified” range. Vaccine from recalled lots is still expected to be effective in stimulating a protective response despite this slight reduction in the concentration of antigen. There is no need to re-administer a dose to those who received vaccine from these lots.

For more information, please visit the St. Johns County Health Department website (www.StJohnsCHD.org). Additional information can be accessed through the Florida Flu Information Line (**1-877-352-3581**), the Florida Department of Health website (www.MyFluSafety.com), and the CDC’s website (www.cdc.gov).

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