

**NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER  
No. 2005-01**

WHEREAS, problems encountered in manufacturing the influenza vaccine for the 2004-2005 influenza season resulted in a severe shortage, and the available vaccine must be utilized to protect those persons most at risk of serious illness or death do to influenza, I, Michelle Lujan Grisham, Secretary of the New Mexico Department of Health, pursuant to the authority granted by the Public Health Act, NMSA 1978, §24-1-1 *et seq.*, hereby issue this Public Health Order defining the administration of influenza vaccine to persons during the 2004-2005 influenza season.

Persons who meet at least one of the following criteria may receive injectable influenza vaccine:

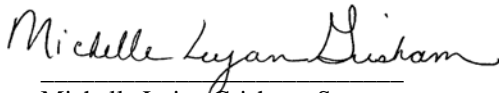
- Persons of any age with heart disease, asthma, or other chronic disorders of the pulmonary or cardiovascular systems;
- Persons of any age who required regular medical follow-up or hospitalization during the preceding year due to diabetes, kidney disease, blood disorders, metabolic disorders, immunosuppression (including HIV/AIDS), or other chronic disease;
- Children and teenagers who take aspirin on a regular basis;
- Persons fifty years of age and older;
- All children ages six to twenty-three months;
- Children ages two to five years of age upon the recommendation of their health care provider.
- Pregnant women;
- Residents of nursing homes and other chronic-care facilities;
- Household contacts and out-of-home caregivers of children under the age of six months;
- Out-of-home caregivers and household contacts of persons in high-risk groups (e.g., persons aged 65 years or older; persons with chronic conditions such as diabetes, heart or lung disease, or weakened immune systems because of illness or medication; and children aged younger than 2 years); and
- Healthcare workers who provide direct care to patients.

Persons who are between the ages of 5 to 49 years of age and who do not have ongoing health conditions described above are eligible to receive nasally administered influenza vaccine (FluMist®).

Public Health Order 02-04, issued on October 7, 2004, is replaced and superseded by this Order.

It is further ordered that this Public Health Order be prominently posted at all locations where influenza vaccine is administered and that this Order shall take effect immediately.

**FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS ORDER WILL RESULT IN ADDITIONAL ENFORCEMENT  
INCLUDING IMMEDIATE COURT PROCEEDINGS.**



Michelle Lujan Grisham, Secretary  
New Mexico Department of Health

January 4, 2005

Date