

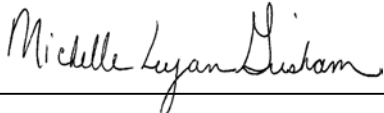
**NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER  
No. 02-04**

WHEREAS, problems encountered in manufacturing the influenza vaccine have resulted in a severe shortage, and the available vaccine must be administered to 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 limiting the administration of influenza vaccine to persons who meet at least one of the following criteria:

- persons sixty-five years of age and older;
- children ages six to twenty-three months;
- adults and children with heart disease, asthma, or other chronic disorders of the pulmonary or cardiovascular systems;
- pregnant women;
- adults and children 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;
- residents of nursing homes and other chronic-care facilities;
- household contacts and out-of-home caregivers of children under the age of six months (children younger than six months cannot be vaccinated);
- healthcare workers who provide **direct care** to patients.

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

10/7/04  
Date