

Vaccine supply is released

Commissioner Frank Williamson of the Department of Health and Social Services said that Alaska's supply of bi-valent flu vaccine will be released to health centers and private physicians.

National health authorities at the Center for Disease Control recently lifted the ban on the use of the vaccine, which protects against both Swine, or A-New Jersey, Influenza, and the A-Victoria strain of the virus.

No mass immunization program will be undertaken, and this vaccine is recommended for people considered to be "at high risk" of contracting influenza. This group includes people over 65 years of age, and people with chronic heart and respiratory problems.