

Foreword

The 2009-2010 influenza season and the novel H1N1 influenza surge are expected to place unprecedented burdens on the already strained public health infrastructure. Public health alone is not expected to meet all of the staffing needs associated with responding to and serving the needs of the public during these simultaneous public health campaigns. Volunteers, community partners and professional colleagues are needed in helping to plan, prepare and respond to the already increased workload of educating and protecting the community against both seasonal influenza and the novel H1N1 influenza virus.

The *Influenza Vaccine Administration Toolkit for Authorized Health Care Professionals* is written for public health leaders as a resource in making maximum use of multiple types of health care personnel who may assist with both of these critical campaign efforts. This toolkit provides an index regarding Georgia licensed health care personnel authorized to vaccinate. It cites the legislative authority for each type of health care personnel; it contains the guidelines or standards for each respective health care personnel to follow; and it provides templates and forms to use. The toolkit is available at <http://health.state.ga.us/programs/immunization/index.asp>.

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