

# Nurses and Influenza Perceptions

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## Messages

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- Vaccination as important workplace safety initiative
- Vulnerable population
- Dispel fears from "Swine Flu" vaccine history

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## Challenges

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- Recommendations
- Order of vaccination
  - Supply
  - Distribution
- Respiratory Protection
  - Confusion
  - Mixed messages: Surgical vs N-95
  - Supply
- Needle shortages
- Prior "swine flu" vaccine problems

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## Feedback Received

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- "Hoarding" of supplies
- Positive messages from ANA members
- Willing to be vaccinated but no vaccine
- Good job overall
- Public health – good use of resources
- Need more permanent infrastructure for future

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## Lessons Learned

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- Stronger public health infrastructure
- Supply issues attention
- Public trust
- Employer support is important
  - Feel protected at work

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