Update: Anti-thimerosal Legislation

2007 National Influenza Vaccine Summit
April 18-20: Atlanta, GA
States with Anti-Thimerosal Laws
Enacted in 2004 & 2005

N = 6 states
States with Anti-Thimerosal Bills Under Consideration in 2006

- Did not pass (n=22)
- Enacted (n=1)
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Injectable Influenza Vaccine Produced for 2006-07 Season

- T-containing >36 mos
- T-containing >18 yrs
- Trace thimerosal >18 yrs
- T-containing >4 yrs
- T-free 6-35 mos
- T-free >36 mos

Total: 110 million doses
States with Anti-Thimerosal Laws Under Consideration in 2007

Viable bills (n=6)

Did not pass (n=14)

As of 4-18-07
States with Anti-Thimerosal Bills Pending for 2008

Viable bills

- WA
- NV
- MT
- ID
- UT
- AZ
- WY
- ND
- SD
- KS
- NM
- LA
- AR
- MI
- OH
- GA
- VA
- NC
- SC
- WV
- PA
- NH
- VT
- HI
- NE
- WI
- MI
- IL
- IN
- VA
- WV
- NC
- MI
- NY
- CT
- NJ
- MD
- DC
Issues for State Legislators and Other Policy Makers

• Difficult communication issues
• Complex science that cannot prove the negative
• Very intense advocacy
• Reality of many unanswered questions about autism and unmet needs of affected families
Your next step

• Be an advocate for safe & effective vaccines.
• Be an advocate for sound public policy based on science.
• Partner with others.
• Get involved!