Community Immunization Providers (CIPs)
2010-11 Experiences

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What’s a CIP?

• A national, regional or local business, pharmacy or non-profit organization

• Providing influenza immunizations in a variety of settings, including
  • Large and small businesses, churches, recreation centers, hospitals, senior centers, health fairs, assisted living residences, pharmacies and other retail outlets
Overview

- How did the new ACIP universal recommendation affect uptake of flu vaccine?
- How was the 2010-11 season?
- What changes/observations did the CIP group see?

New ACIP recommendation

- No impact on uptake or overall rates
Overall – How was the season?

- Significant DECREASE in numbers overall
- Uptake remained STRONG for work sites
- Large decrease in numbers at ALL other locations
- LESS interest from public in general
- Specific requests from public: Wanted vaccine only with H1N1, or vaccine only without H1N1. Confusion

Changes/observations 2010-11

- Vaccine availability was earlier ever
- Greatly decreased interest by late October
- Predictions of increased uptake didn’t pan out
- Insurance/Medicare Part B billing difficulties
- Changing model for CIPs
  - When to start clinics? Where to hold clinics?
  - Trickier to forecast how much vaccine to order