

State of New Hampshire
By His Excellency
Craig R. Benson, Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2004-08

An order directing transfer of control of influenza vaccine

WHEREAS, The supply of influenza vaccine available to United States citizens has been restricted, and;

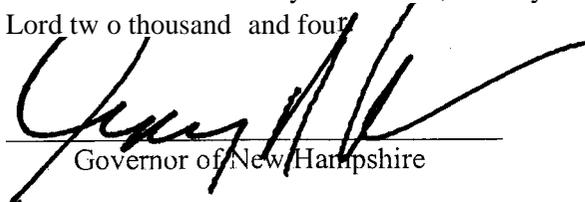
WHEREAS, This supply restriction may affect NH citizens most vulnerable to complications from influenza, and;

WHEREAS, We have an obligation to make sure our most vulnerable citizens have access to influenza vaccine,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CRAIG R. BENSON, Governor of the State of New Hampshire, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by part II, article 41 of the New Hampshire Constitution, do hereby order, effective immediately, the following:

All state governmental agencies and associated administrative units that have purchased influenza vaccine through the Minnesota Multi-state Purchasing Contract, or any other venue, are hereby ordered to transfer control of their vaccine inventory to the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services. The Department of Health and Human Services is instructed to re-allocate this vaccine supply to those areas within the state, and to those institutions facing the greatest need. The Department of Health and Human Services shall use state and federal guidelines to assure that only those individuals at highest risk of severe influenza complications will receive the vaccine.

Given under my hand and seal at the Executive Chambers
in Concord this 25th day of October, in the year of Our
Lord two thousand and four



Governor of New Hampshire

