

## **DOH/Pharmacy MOA Fact Sheet**

1. Why is DOH offering the MOA? - PA Department of Health (DOH) was awarded a grant by the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) to develop a process to expand capacity for influenza pandemic vaccination delivery using Memorandum of Agreements (MOA).

MOAs between public health and private sector pharmacies are essential to expanding public access vaccination during the next pandemic. Improved coordination ultimately saves lives by leveraging the strengths of all partners resulting in earlier and more broadly available pandemic vaccination.

- 2. **Who does the issue impact?** Everyone! We are all potentially impacted by an influenza pandemic.
- 3. **What is DOH doing**? The purpose is to increase the number of pharmacists who can provide vaccines in the event of a pandemic flu. Because pharmacies are already major providers of routine vaccinations, they could significantly expand their existing role by providing immunizations to the public during a pandemic.

DOH has developed a strategic plan for community pharmacies that would include pandemic vaccine training and utilizing the Statewide Immunization Information System (PA-SIIS) for documentation of distributed vaccine.

## 4. What can I do? -

- Visit the <u>DOH Pharmacy MOA website</u>;
- Utilize the links and documents to learn more about this initiative;
- Sign and return the <u>MOA</u> and register in <u>PA-SIIS</u>.
- 5. Where can I find more information? Visit the <u>DOH Pharmacy MOA website</u>.
- 6. **Who can answer questions?** If you have any questions, contact us at <u>RA-DHPHARMACYMOA@pa.gov</u>.