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HEALTH UPDATE

Update on State Medical Cache Supply of Tamiflu Oral Suspension

The North Dakota Department of Health's State Medical Cache has run out of Tamiflu Oral Suspension, 25 milliliters. The department does not expect to receive any additional supplies of the oral suspension.

Pharmacists can compound antiviral tablets into oral suspension, if needed. Information for emergency antiviral compounding can be found at www.fda.gov/downloads/Drugs/DrugSafety/InformationbyDrugClass/UCM147992.pdf.

The State Medical Cache has the following supply of antiviral courses physically located in our warehouses and available for distribution: Additional antiviral has been set aside for the state of North Dakota by the federal government and will be distributed to our warehouses if inventories run low:

- Adult Tamiflu 75mg – 87,989 courses
- Child Tamiflu 45mg – 1,807 courses
- Pediatric Tamiflu 30mg – 5,110 courses
- Relenza 5mg – 15,344

Please continue ordering through the State Medical Cache website at <http://hanassets.nd.gov>.

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- *Health Advisory provides important information for a specific incident or situation; may not require immediate action.*
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This message is being sent to local public health units, clinics, hospitals, physicians, tribal health, North Dakota Nurses Association, North Dakota Long Term Care Association, North Dakota Healthcare Association, North Dakota Medical Association, and hospital public information officers.