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Dear Dr. Gerberding:

The American Academy of Family Physicians is happy to support “National Influenza Vaccination Week” as a way to increase the number of people who are immunized against influenza. Overall, there will be an ample supply of influenza vaccine this year, although there have been challenges for some physicians in receiving their entire vaccine supply. We strongly encourage the public to get immunized to safeguard themselves and those around them against influenza. It is important to remember that patients can receive their influenza vaccine in November and beyond and still be protected against influenza.

We anticipate that most physician offices will have their full vaccine orders in time for “National Influenza Vaccination Week.” We encourage patients, especially those with chronic medical conditions, to receive their influenza vaccine in their personal medical home at their family physician’s office.

Sincerely,

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