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Dear Maine Vaccine Providers,

With the introduction of the Gardasil 9® vaccine, the Gardasil 4® vaccine will no longer be available to order. The Gardasil 9® vaccine protects against five additional strains of HPV which provides 15% more protection for females and 4% more protection for males.

If you have any remaining doses of Gardasil 4® in your inventory, they should be used on your male population. Once you have used all of your Gardasil 4® you may switch to the Gardasil 9®. The Gardasil 4® and 9® are interchangeable, making this an easy transition. For your female population, please continue to use the Gardasil 9® for all remaining doses.

The Gardasil 9® is recommended to be given to children and teens, starting as early as age 9 up through age 18. A total of 3 doses should be given on a 0,1-2 and 6 month schedule.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at 207-287-3746 or 1-800-867-4775.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Tonya Philbrick, BS
Director, Maine Immunization Program.