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Sentry Logistic Solutions to Store National Flu Vaccine Reserve

A national strategic flu vaccine reserve will be stored and distributed by an Indianapolis company under an agreement with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The company, Sentry Logistic Solutions, which was founded in 2004, will store and ship more than 500,000 doses from its 53,000-square-foot pharmaceutical cold chain logistics center.

No financial or contractual details were announced. A Sentry spokeswoman said the contract starts immediately.

Sentry leaders said the inventory management systems keep track of the drugs' temperature history and expiration dates. The company also will be able to respond quickly to outbreaks or vaccine shortages.

The doses will be stored at between 35 and 46 degrees Fahrenheit.

"Sentry's vaccine storage and distribution services were developed in an effort to help government entities, hospitals and public health care agencies make the proper storage arrangements for their vaccine stockpiles as they prepare for the winter immunization season," said Jennifer Marcum, Sentry's chief executive officer. "The opportunity to provide this service to The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention validates the value that we bring organizations that require highly specialized cold chain management programs for their drug products."

Sentry's vaccine storage and distribution service was specifically designed to protect the efficacy of vaccine inventories throughout the supply chain. The company has the expertise, facility, personnel and protocols to securely store, accurately track and quickly transport vaccines anywhere in the continental United States. Sentry's third-party logistics (3PL) services are ideally suited for state and federal health organizations' distribution and pandemic response plans for managing vaccine and biologic strategic reserves. Sentry's facility, systems and processes meet the CDC's recommendations for proper vaccine storage and handling procedures. Additionally, the company holds the appropriate local, state and federal licenses and accreditations for safely handling and transporting regulated drug products.

About Sentry Logistic Solutions

Sentry Logistic Solutions is one of the few cGMP temperature-controlled storage and third party logistics (3PL) providers in the United States to exclusively serve the global pharmaceutical, biotechnology and health care industries. Its facilities, infrastructure and services are specifically designed to meet the warehousing, packaging and logistics needs of pharma and biotech firms, health care providers and suppliers, contract research organizations (CROs), contract manufacturing organizations (CMOs), wholesalers, distributors and government entities.

Sentry's management team offers expertise in cold chain storage and logistics, quality assurance, pharmaceutical packaging and kitting development. Sentry also offers strategic solutions for domestic and international transportation and logistics as well as end-to-end import and export management. The company's validated processes and inventory tracking systems are FDA compliant, adhere to Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) and comply with stringent standard operating procedures (SOP) outlined in Sentry's Validation Master Plan. Sentry is VAWD[®] accredited, which ensures its storage, handling and distribution methods meet the recognized guidelines of the National Association of Board of Pharmacy[®]. The company is privately-held and strategically headquartered in Indianapolis, Ind.

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