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**OHIO TO RECEIVE \$7.5 MILLION IN STIMULUS FUNDS FOR VACCINES**

*Uninsured and low-income Ohioans to benefit from increased access to immunizations*

COLUMBUS – Ohio received \$7.5 million in federal stimulus to provide vaccines to uninsured and low-income Ohioans, Vice President Joe Biden announced Thursday.

“Every Ohioan who desires vaccination will be able to get it and that is good news for every one of us,” said Ohio Department of Health (ODH) Director Alvin D. Jackson, M.D. “I expect to see Ohio’s already-high immunization rates to increase as a result of this funding.”

ODH will order vaccines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, which, through a contractor, will ship vaccine directly to local health departments, federally qualified health centers, rural health clinics and private providers that serve eligible Ohioans. Ohioans who are eligible for Medicaid or who are otherwise insured through Vaccines for Children or other programs will not qualify for these vaccines as they are already eligible.

“Vaccines are one of the great public health accomplishments of our time and all Ohioans deserve the protection they provide,” Jackson said. “This is an excellent investment in Ohio’s future.”

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