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ODH ORDERS ADDITIONAL H1N1 VACCINE

152,700 doses will be shipped directly to communities

COLUMBUS – The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) today submitted an order for more than 152,000 doses of H1N1 flu vaccine to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The order includes 58,300 doses of nasal-spray vaccine and 94,400 shots of H1N1 flu vaccine.

Nasal-spray vaccine is approved for use only in healthy people ages 2 to 49, while the shots will be given to high-risk individuals including pregnant women; people who live with or care for children less than 6 months; all people 6 months to 24 years; and people 25 to 64 years with chronic medical conditions.

The vaccine will be shipped directly to providers and could arrive by Oct. 20, according to CDC.

For more information on vaccine availability, check the ODH Web site at <http://www.odh.ohio.gov> or call the ODH H1N1 information line at 1-866-800-1404 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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