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ODH ORDERS ADDITIONAL H1N1 FLU VACCINE

160,100 doses will be shipped directly to communities

COLUMBUS – The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) submitted an order for 160,100 doses of H1N1 flu vaccine to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Friday afternoon. A total of 160,100 doses will be shipped directly to 314 local health departments and hospitals in 88 Ohio counties.

The order includes 66,100 doses of nasal-spray vaccine and 94,000 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 orders should begin arriving at providers' offices Oct. 27, according to CDC.

ODH has previously ordered 435,100 doses of H1N1 vaccine, bringing Ohio's total to 595,200 doses thus far. More vaccine is expected to be available in the coming weeks.

For more information on vaccine availability, check the ODH Web site at <http://www.flu.ohio.gov> or call the ODH H1N1 information line at 1-866-800-1404 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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