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Memorandum

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To: Local Health Departments, Hospitals, Community Health Centers, and EMA Directors

From: Alvin D. Jackson, MD, Director Ohio Department of Health

Re: Distribution of SNS Materiel Relating to H1N1 Flu (Swine Flu) Incident

Date: May 1, 2009

Purpose

- Clarify the plans and the status of the distribution of SNS materiel for the H1N1 Flu (Swine Flu).
- For supplemental information, please refer to the Ohio Strategic National Stockpile Plan located at http://ema.ohio.gov/Documents/Ohio_EOP/esf_8_tab_a.pdf. Questions regarding this can be directed to odhdoc@odh.ohio.gov.
- Share the following three spreadsheets: 1) Hospital Allocation; 2) County Drop Site Allocation; and 3) Pediatric Suspension Allocation.

Status

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) distributed SNS materiel to states this week. The materiel included antivirals (Tamiflu and Relenza), and a portion of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) such as masks, gowns, and gloves.
- Ohio received 25% of its share of the SNS materiel allocation from the CDC on Wednesday April 28, 2009. The remaining 75% may be received at a later unknown date.
- The SNS materiel arrived at the Ohio Receipt, Store, and Stage (RSS) location on Wednesday April 28, 2009.
- The SNS materiel is being unloaded, organized and apportioned at the RSS on Friday May 1, 2009.

Plan

- The SNS materiel will be transported by the Ohio National Guard and secured by Ohio Highway Patrol to the eight Regional Distribution Nodes (RDNs) which are located in each Ohio Homeland Security Region on Saturday May 2, 2009.
- The SNS materiel will remain at the RDNs until such time that the Local Health Department (LHD) or hospital requests their allotment through their County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) director and has been approved by the ODH.
- Once requested, the materiel may be shipped to two locations upon request:
 - County Drop Site as specified in the Ohio Public Health Area Network (OPHAN)
 - Hospital (potential of 172 ASPR funded hospitals)

- Further distribution past the RDN will be directed by the following criteria:
 - Acceleration phase of the disease (speed and number of cases).
 - All local resources including commercial sources must be exhausted before requests are made.
- Local Health Departments and hospitals must work with their local EMA directors to make request.
- Local Health Departments will notify ODH and EMA of any requests for SNS materiel.
- Once the above criteria have been met and ODH SNS RDN has received confirmation for distribution, the materiel will be loaded and delivered by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) directly to county drop sites and hospitals.
- The ODH SNS RDN must be informed to release materiel by the name of the hospital or drop site location. This is required as the RDN has the materiel sorted by the individual hospital and drop site materiel.
- Once delivery arrives at the hospitals and county drop sites those sites are responsible to unload delivery vehicles and sign for receipt.
- Once the hospitals and local health departments receive the materiel, they will follow their plans for use and tracking.

Materiel Specifications

- For specific information on what is included in the shipment and the space needed for delivery, please refer to the spreadsheets attached to this memo.

Assumptions & Requirements

- The antivirals provided by SNS will only be used for treatment of ill persons, not for prophylaxis. The antivirals cannot be used to prophylax healthcare workers, first responders, or family members of ill patients.
- Hospitals and LHDs will follow treatment guidelines for antivirals.
- Future shipments from the CDC will be received.
- The county drop sites are correctly identified in the OPHAN system. LHDs updated the information this week.
- Hospitals and LHDs are responsible for monitoring and tracking their allocations.
- Once hospitals deplete their allocation, they need to work with their LHD or follow their regional plan to replenish their supplies from the County Drop Site allocation.
- Only this first 25% allotment will be delivered to the individual hospital. Future deliveries will only be made to county drop sites.
- Community Health Centers (CHCs) will work with their LHDs and local EMAs to plan and implement this distribution.

Process for Requesting Shipments

- Local health department requests allotment (either their own, or for one-or-more of their hospitals) through their county EMA director.
- County EMA directors request release of their allotment through the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC).
- The SEOC will create a mission for Emergency Support Function (ESF) #8 representatives to validate and approve request.
- Appropriate coordination and facilitation of the mission takes place at the SEOC with various ESFs.
- ESF #8 sends message to county EMA director to notify county that shipment is being transported.
- Notification of completion of delivery will be made by ESF #1 partner agencies.