

To: Ohio EMA Field Desk
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Subject: Questions regarding SNS Material at the Regional Distribution Nodes (RDN').

1. ODH did not send any forms with the Director's Memo regarding the Distribution of SNS Material Relating to H1N1 Flu (Swine Flu) Incident.
2. ODH is not releasing the Anti-Virals until after a meeting with the Governor's Office to finalize the process. The H1N1 Virus has not met the criteria for the Acceleration Phase (which can be explained by Epidemiologists at your Local Health Departments) and local supplies have not been exhausted.

There are some reasons for this:

- The number of confirmed cases is still small
- The strain seems to have a fairly mild presentation
- At this time, it seems we are dealing primarily with seasonal flu

If we were to start treating all cases we might use up supplies and wouldn't have enough available later when it may be needed.

There will be forms available (and sent) when the process is finalized. It is OK to put in requests, but at the present time the requests won't be resourced. With the material at the RDN's, we will have the ability to respond quickly if circumstances change.