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ODH ORDERS ADDITIONAL H1N1 FLU VACCINE

COLUMBUS –The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) on Monday submitted orders for 25,000 doses of H1N1 flu vaccine to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The orders include 5,200 doses of nasal-spray vaccine, 5,200 pre-filled syringes and 14,600 doses in multi-dose vials. The orders will be shipped directly to the 52 enrolled providers who requested additional allocations and will start arriving in Ohio today.

ODH is ordering vaccine each week based on specific requests from providers. This change enables ODH to assist providers in effectively managing their vaccine inventory.

Providers in Ohio had previously received 4,044,400 doses, bringing Ohio's total to 4,069,400 doses ordered to date. Additional vaccine continues to be available.

ODH is also reminding parents and health care providers that children younger than 10 should receive two doses of H1N1 flu vaccine in order to achieve optimal protection against pandemic flu. Children who had their first dose on or before December 14, 2009 are now eligible for their second dose. The CDC recommends that the two doses of H1N1 vaccine be separated by 28 days to be effective.

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 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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