



STATE OF OHIO

Emergency Operations Center

SITUATION REPORT

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Ted Strickland, Governor

FROM: Ohio Emergency Management Agency

SUBJECT: H1N1 Incident – September 2009

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This is the daily State Situation Report (SitRep) for the “H1N1 Incident – September 2009” event. Information is current as of 2:00 p.m. on October 28, 2009. The State Assessment Room and Joint Information Center (JIC) have been activated at Crisis Action System Level 1 (CAS-1) to coordinate information flow and operational issues relating to H1N1 pandemic influenza response. This activation affects only a select set of state agencies with a role in H1N1 response at this time. Operations personnel and subject matter experts from Ohio EMA and Ohio Department of Health (ODH) are staffing the Assessment Room and Lead Agency Room of the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC).

The State’s objectives for the operational period October 28 through November 4 are:

1. Order and Report Vaccines in Accordance with Vaccine Allocation Ordering Plan 2009; continuing to ensure focused distribution to Local Health Departments (LHDs) and Hospitals and to track who has been vaccinated by geography and category
2. Report to CDC School and Day Care Closings
3. Track the consumption rate of Antivirals & Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Report to CDC
4. Provide General Information to the Public and Technical Assistance to Providers/Patient Registration
5. Provide daily surveillance on Hospitals, Outbreaks & Deaths to Public Affairs-EPI reports to CDC.
6. Monitor Medical Surge and Provide HA v Bed Reporting to CDC
7. Ensure ODH Situational Awareness Portal is accessible to external partners such as Ohio Hospital Association (OHA), Regional Coordinators, county EMAs, etc.
8. Develop N-95 Mask Guidance to define triggers for release of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to county drop sites, include the ability to define “shortage”
9. Develop strategy on message addressing Safety of Vaccine and Adverse Events
10. Continue epidemiological (EPI) assessment on trends or associations of Hospitalizations and Deaths to identify potential Interventions

11. Resolve vaccine pre-registration notification issues

Daily goals are also being addressed and for the first day of activation included mostly providing technological support to ODH personnel relocated to the SEOC and determining sources for essential elements of information. The Ohio EMA Business Manager has been tasked with developing visibility of state cost recovery issues beyond what ODH is already doing for its own human resources tracking.

JOINT INFORMATION CENTER ACTIVITIES

Ohio Department of Health Director Alvin Jackson, Dr. Mary Diorio, Steve Wagner and Nancy Dragani presented H1N1 information and state response to the pandemic in a legislative briefing this afternoon at the Riffe Center.

There is a media briefing scheduled for Friday, October 30th at 2:00 p.m. with local partners and Ohio Hospital Association to discuss the vaccine ordering process.

There is a U.S. Congressional conference call at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, October 30th.

The state of Ohio Joint Information Center (JIC) is operational to handle media inquiries regarding H1N1 information only. JIC hours of operations will be 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

GENERAL SITUATION

As of October 17, 2009, worldwide there have been more than 414,000 laboratory confirmed cases of pandemic influenza H1N1 2009 and nearly 5000 deaths reported to WHO. As many countries have stopped counting individual cases, particularly of milder illness, the case count is significantly lower than the actual number of cases that have occurred. WHO is actively monitoring the progress of the pandemic through frequent consultations with the WHO Regional Offices and member states and through monitoring of multiple sources of data.

President Obama has declared the H1N1 outbreak a national emergency and empowered his health secretary to suspend federal requirements and speed treatment for thousands of infected. The declaration authorized Health and Human Services secretary Kathleen Sebelius to bypass federal rules so health officials can respond more quickly to the outbreak that has killed more than 1,000 people in the US.

The ODH H1N1 general flu information line received 842 calls on October 27, 2009. The ODH H1N1 technical flu line has received 1,451 calls between October 20, 2009 through October 26, 2009. The total number of calls received since the call center activated stands at 10,444. The technical line handles inquiries from health departments regarding software applications while the general line deals with public inquiries.

As of October 27, 2009, ODH has mobilized 404 staff to support H1N1 activities.

Influenza activity continues to increase but has not peaked. Ohio influenza surveillance remains at "widespread." The predominant strain is the new novel H1N1 nationally. ODH continues to expect

increased need for medical evaluation and care centered in physician offices and Emergency Rooms with continued hospital admissions and Intensive Care Unit admissions, especially in pediatric facilities.

There have been no reports of significant business or university closures, and no adverse effects on government services in the state. Cumulatively to date, 23 schools and five daycares in Ohio have closed do to flu-like illness. Currently, only two schools and two day cares are temporarily closed. Most closures do not exceed three days.

Interventions

The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) continues to coordinate the distribution of all H1N1 vaccines, anti-virals, and related materials throughout Ohio as they are made available. ODH will order and report vaccines to CDC in accordance with Vaccine Allocation and Ordering Plan 2009. As of 10/28/2009 Ohio has allocated, distributed and has remaining the following:

	Allocated	Distributed	Remain
Flumist	300,000	271,000	29,000*
Adult PFS	102,400	30,400	72,000*
Sanofi MDV	438,000	293,800	144,200*
Novartis MDV	1900	0	1900*
Sanofi .25 PFS	13,900	0	13,900*
CSL Biotherapies adult PFS	5,600	0	5,600*

*The remaining doses from the total allocation are **currently being shipped** from the distributor (McKesson) to local health departments and hospitals, with a delivery date no later than Friday, October 30, 2009.

Total Weekly Vaccines Ordered = 161,000

Total Vaccines Ordered to date = 595,200

Public Population Pre-Registered for Vaccine Population = 228,897

Pre-Registered Provider approved by Local Health Department (LHD) = 2662 out of 5545

Antivirals Distributed = 383,058 bottles or discs/case (sent to hospitals and county drop sites)

Ohio is projected to receive a total of 6,984,066 doses which will be allocated accordingly:

- .25 ml Pre-filled Syringes – 224,400
- .25 ml Adult Pre-filled Syringes – 1,276,513
- Multidose Vials – 4,036,997
- Live Attenuated Influenza Vaccine – 1,446,156

Impact on People

During week 42 (October 18 to October 24, 2009), there were 463 hospitalized cases of influenza reported in Ohio.

Age Group	Hospitalized Cases of Influenza Reported MMWR Week 42 (10/18/2009 to 10/24/2009)
0-4	81
5-18	125
19-24	32
25-49	115
50-64	79
65+	28
Unknown	3
Total	463

During this period, four suspected outbreaks have been reported, including schools in Athens (1), Auglaize (1), and Putnam (2) counties.

A cumulative total of 15 deaths have been attributed to H1N1 in Ohio.

CONTIGUOUS STATES

The Emergency Operations Centers in Indiana, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Kentucky and West Virginia are not currently activated.

DECLARATIONS

Federal Declarations

The following Federal declarations have been issued for the H1N1 response.

- National Emergencies Act (50 United States Code Section 1621). (Note: This is NOT a Stafford Act declaration)
- PREP Act Declaration for Pandemic Influenza Vaccine – January 26, 2007

State Declaration

On October 7, 2009, Governor Ted Strickland issued an emergency proclamation regarding H1N1 vaccine which allows "qualified Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs)-Intermediate and EMTs-Paramedic to perform H1N1 immunizations and administer H1N1 related drugs" as defined by law. It also authorizes in accordance with Ohio law the use of Citizen Corps/Ohio Medical Reserve Corps volunteers to assist with the receipt, distribution, accounting for and administration of H1N1 influenza vaccine.

STATE AGENCIES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS DISASTER ASSISTANCE ACTIONS by EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION (ESF)

ESF- 6 – Mass Care

Ohio Citizen Corps/Ohio Medical Reserve Corps (OMRC)

The Miami County Emergency Management Agency and Local Health Department continue to operate a Volunteer Reception Center to process Citizen Corps and Medical Reserve Corps volunteers to assist with H1N1 activities. To date, 25 volunteers have been processed and registered.

Over 230 new volunteers have been recruited by the Fairfield County Emergency Management Agency and Local Health Department to assist with flu activities.

Volunteers are also supporting flu clinics in Franklin, Holmes, Belmont, Delaware, Stark, Geauga, Miami, Summit and Richland counties.

SITREP/BRIEFING DATA

The weekly H1N1 CAS briefing is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Friday, October 30, 2009.

All agencies should email their briefing reports to: eocassmt@dps.state.oh.us by 2:00 p.m. daily.

Questions resulting from the weekly H1N1 CAS briefing can be sent to: eocassmt@dps.state.oh.us. Please use the term “H1N1 Weekly Briefing” in the subject line.

Addressees are invited to monitor the Ohio EMA Common Operating Picture webpage at <http://ema.ohio.gov/COP.aspx>.

The Situation Report for this event is a work in progress, and the format and focus may change significantly through time to better serve stakeholder needs. Essential elements of information continue to be refined and will be integrated into this report as they evolve.