



**STATE OF OHIO**  
**Emergency Operations Center**  
**SITUATION REPORT**

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**M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** Ted Strickland, Governor  
**FROM:** Ohio Emergency Management Agency  
**SUBJECT:** H1N1 Incident – September 2009  
**DATE:** February 1, 2010

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This is the weekly State Situation Report (SitRep) for the “H1N1 Incident – September 2009” event. Information is current as of 2:00 p.m. on February 1, 2010 unless otherwise noted.

The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) Assessment Room is closed. Ohio EMA Plans Branch staff and subject matter experts from the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) and other response partners continue to coordinate situational awareness information from regular work locations. Joint Information Center (JIC) personnel are also monitoring media and conducting JIC activities from regular work locations. JIC phones have been forwarded to the Ohio EMA Public Information Officer and inquiries are being routed to the appropriate agency contacts.

**JOINT INFORMATION CENTER (JIC) ACTIVITIES**

- The JIC issued its final release on January 28, 2010 – ***ODH Orders Additional H1N1 Flu Vaccine***. Ohio Department of Health submitted orders for 8,000 doses of H1N1 flu vaccine to the CDC. ODH is ordering vaccine based on specific requests from providers.
- From January 25-29, the JIC has received and responded to four media calls regarding H1N1.

**Media Trends/Summaries – January 23-28, 2010**

- ***H1N1 clinics held/scheduled*** (25 articles) – Many local health departments continue scheduled clinics throughout the month. The vaccine is also available in doctors’ offices and retail pharmacies across the state. No shortage of the vaccine has been reported; clinics are reporting many participants, but are not working at full capacity.
- ***U.S. not prepared for bio-terrorist attack / President announces new plan to combat bio-terrorism*** (12 articles) – The Commission on the Prevention of Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferation gives the Obama administration a failing grade for its efforts to prepare for and respond to a biological attack. The commission’s executive director says the poor preparation for the swine flu epidemic is proof that the country is not positioned to respond to something more serious.

- **WHO calls critics irresponsible** (7 articles) – Spokesman Gregory Hartl says the WHO has always been “very measured and sober” in describing the outbreak as causing overwhelmingly mild disease. Hartl said from a scientific point of view, “this is plainly a pandemic and for people not to describe it as a pandemic is irresponsible.”
- **Hospitals lift restrictions** (5 articles) – Hospitals across Ohio are lifting visitor restrictions enacted in the fall which banned visitors under the age of 18. Hospitals are still encouraging any visitors with flu-like symptoms to stay home.
- **Drug maker reports profit** (4 articles) – Swiss drug maker Novartis AG reported a 54 percent rise in fourth quarter net profit to \$2.32 billion; shipment of \$1 billion worth of H1N1 vaccine from October to December of 2009.

#### H1N1 Call Center Activities

- The ODH H1N1 Technical flu information line received **63 calls on January 25; 58 calls on January 26; 85 calls on January 27, and 67 calls on January 28.** The call center’s last day of operation was January 29. Incoming calls will be handled by the Ohio Department of Health; there will not be any more call center reports.

#### H1N1 VACCINE

Total Vaccines Ordered by registered providers to date = **4,086,300**

Public Population Pre-Registered for Vaccine Population = **1,520,245**

Pre-Registered Providers approved by Local Health Departments (LHDs) = **3183**

#### IMPACT ON PEOPLE

During **week 03 (January 17 to January 23, 2010)**, there were **16** hospitalized cases of influenza reported in Ohio. From **August 30 through January 23, 2010**, the cumulative total for Ohio influenza confirmed hospitalizations is **3,171** individuals per Ohio Disease Reporting System (ODRS).

At least **51** people hospitalized with H1N1 infection have died in Ohio. Counties reporting deaths are Franklin (12), Cuyahoga (8), Fayette (3), Mahoning (3) Butler (2), Greene (2), Licking (2), Summit (2), Wood (2), and one each in Athens, **Auglaize**, Carroll, Clermont, Columbiana, Geauga, Guernsey, Hamilton, Henry, Lorain, Montgomery, Ross, Stark, Warren and Wayne counties. Please note that this is likely an underestimate of Ohio deaths due to H1N1. Death certificate collection averages 7-10 days after death. This data reflects the delay.

#### STATE EXPENDITURES

For the period **October 28, 2009 to February 1, 2010** state agencies, boards, and commissions report a total of **\$2,632,511.34** in personnel, personal protective equipment, vaccine-related distribution, and miscellaneous supply costs. Of the total costs incurred for the period, 92% were incurred by the Ohio Department of Health for personnel and vaccine distribution.

## **DECLARATIONS**

The following declarations for the H1N1 response will remain in effect:

### **Federal Declarations**

- 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. The Declaration 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.

## **SITREP/BRIEFING DATA**

The next scheduled weekly Sitrep will be distributed on Monday, February 8, 2010. If agencies have any updated information, they should email that information by 2:30 p.m. to: [eocassmt@dps.state.oh.us](mailto:eocassmt@dps.state.oh.us).