



STATE OF OHIO
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SITUATION REPORT

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TO: Ted Strickland, Governor
FROM: Ohio Emergency Management Agency
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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 29, 2009. The State Assessment Room and Joint Information Center (JIC) are 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).

OBJECTIVES

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

1. Order and Report Vaccines in accordance with the Vaccine Allocation and Ordering Plan 2009
 - a. Continue Allocation Process to ensure focused distribution to Local Health Departments (LHDs) and Hospitals
 - b. Continue tracking who has been vaccinated by geography and category
2. Report to CDC School and Day Care Closings
3. Track the dispense rate (burn 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. ODH Situational Awareness Portal access to external partners [Ohio Hospital Association (OHA), Regional Coordinators, county EMAs]

8. Develop N-95 Guidance to define triggers for release of 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 EPI assessments on trends or associations of Hospitalizations and Deaths to identify potential interventions
11. Resolve vaccine pre-registration notification issues

JOINT INFORMATION CENTER ACTIVITIES

Press Conferences/Briefings

The press briefing scheduled for tomorrow, October 30, 2009, with local partners and the Ohio Hospital Association to discuss the vaccine ordering process is postponed until further notice.

The Joint Information Center (JIC) conducted its weekly “Virtual JIC” telephone conference today with state agency Public Information Officers (PIOs). This weekly meeting provides agency updates on state-level H1N1 activities. Participants are PIOs from Ohio National Guard, Ohio Dept. of Agriculture, Ohio Dept. of Administrative Services, Ohio Dept. of Insurance, Ohio Dept. of Education, Ohio Emergency Medical Services, Ohio EMA and the Governor’s Office. Weekly topics reviewed include media monitoring, identifying stakeholders, internal communications (state employees), legislative issues, H1N1 call center issues, ODH web site issues, and media coverage/interviews.

Events/Interviews

The Ohio Department of Health Director Alvin Jackson is scheduled to meet with local health departments today in Ashtabula, Lake, Geauga and Summit counties to discuss public health issues specific to each county. He is scheduled to meet with Summit County health officials tomorrow, October 30, 2009, to discuss public health issues.

Media Monitoring Activities (Daily Trends Identified)

- *Ohio inmates to receive H1N1 vaccine before school children*
- *Child was given H1N1 vaccine at school against parent’s orders – No-Consent form was signed*
- *Nine patients in intensive care at OSU Hospitals with H1N1 infections*

JIC Hours

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.

DISEASE PARAMETERS

The influenza A H1N1 pandemic strain circulating in Ohio since April 2009 demonstrates similar characteristics to seasonal influenza with the exception that elderly, above 65, demonstrate less severe illness. ODH is conducting daily surveillance on Hospitals, Outbreaks, and Deaths and reporting them to the CDC by noon Wednesdays.

First Tier priority groups for vaccine include:

- Pregnant women
- Household contacts and caregivers for children younger than 6 months of age
- Health care and emergency medical services personnel
- Children 6 months through 18 years of age, young adults 19 through 24 years
- Persons aged 25 through 64 years who have health conditions associated with higher risk of medical complications from influenza

Illness is initially asymptomatic (showing no evidence of disease); progressing to body aches, possible fever, tiredness, and decrease in appetite, upper respiratory symptoms and resolution of illness.

Some individuals have progressed to extreme illness, although this is not common. Individuals are encouraged to see their primary physician if they need treatment, or if their illness progresses.

INTERVENTIONS

Vaccines

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

Total Weekly Vaccines Ordered = 161,000

Total Vaccines Ordered to date = 595,200

Public Population Pre-Registered for Vaccine Population = 252,265

Pre-Registered Provider approved by Local Health Department (LHD) = 2709 out of 5547

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 October 29, 2009, Ohio has allocated, distributed and has remaining the following:

	Vaccine Doses Available for the Period	Vaccine Doses Already Distributed to Registered Providers	Remaining Vaccine Doses to be Apportioned to Registered Providers
Flumist	331,800	271,000	60,800*
Adult PFS	107,300	30,400	76,900*
Sanofi MDV	461,600	293,800	167,800*
Novartis MDV	29,700	0	29,700*
Sanofi .25 PFS	48,700	0	48,700*
CSL Biotherapies adult PFS	5,600	0	5,600*
Total	984,700	595,200	389,500

*The remaining doses from the total allocation **will be shipped** from the distributor (McKesson) to local health departments and hospitals, with a delivery date no later than Tuesday, November 3, 2009.

Antivirals and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

383,058 bottles or discs/cases of antiviral medications from the state's Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) allotment were sent to hospitals and county drop sites as of October, 19, 2009. Reporting of antiviral consumption at the local level has been developed and is in process. This information will assist in determining trigger points for request of additional SNS materiel.

The Ohio Department of Health has been notified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that Ohio's allotment of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), N-95 respirators, will be received by Ohio on Wednesday, November 4, 2009. Ohio will receive 440 pallets of materiel.

IMPACT ON PEOPLE

There are no changes from yesterday, October 28, 2009.

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.

OTHER IMPACTS

Schools and Businesses

The Board of Regents (BOR) began a reporting process with public institutions of higher learning in August 2009 which calls for them to report any significant changes in their situation. The first round of reports outlined the institutions' implementation of their emergency/pandemic plan. Most were in a phase 1 or phase 2 condition, which called for public education, increased monitoring, sanitation procedures, etc. BOR has also developed a relationship with AICUO, the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Ohio, to maintain situational awareness on the private front since private institutions have not participated in the first round of reporting.

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 one school and two day cares are temporarily closed. Most closures do not exceed three days.

County and Local Impacts

Cuyahoga, Paulding, and Van Wert counties have activated their county Emergency Operations Centers during normal business hours.

Miami County has activated a Volunteer Reception Center.

ODH Call Centers

The ODH H1N1 general flu information line received 741 calls on October 28, 2009. The majority of inquiries are still related to when vaccines will be available and where they can be received. The ODH H1N1 technical flu line has received 421 calls from October 27 through October 28, 2009. The total number of calls received since the call center activated stands at 11,185. The technical line handles inquiries from health departments regarding software applications while the general line deals with public inquiries.

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 SUPPORT

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.

CONTIGUOUS STATES

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

SITREP/BRIEFING DATA

Crisis Action System (CAS) Level 1 Briefing: The next weekly H1N1 CAS-1 briefing is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Friday, October 30, 2009.

Questions resulting from the weekly H1N1 CAS-1 briefing can be sent to: eocassmt@dps.state.oh.us. Please use the term "H1N1 Weekly Briefing" in the subject line.

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

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.