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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 November 4, 2009 unless otherwise noted. 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 November 4, 2009 through November 10, 2009** are:

1. Order and Report Vaccines in Accordance with Vaccine Allocation Ordering Plan 2009.
 - a. Continue Allocation Process to ensure focused distribution to local health departments and hospitals
 - b. Continue tracking who has been vaccinated by geography and category
 - c. Manage and communicate vaccine distribution
 - d. Modify information technology, to provide technical assistance to providers and registrants
2. Report school and day care closings to CDC.
3. Track the dispense rate (burn rate) of anti-virals & 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 Hospitalizations and Deaths to Public Affairs-EPI reports to CDC.

6. Monitor Medical Surge and Provide HAVBed Reporting to CDC.
 - a. Ohio Hospital Association (OHA) to request hospitals provide Surgenet/HA vBed website updates on hospital status
7. Develop N-95 Guidance to define triggers for release of PPE to county drop sites. Include the ability to define “shortage”.
 - a. Guidance complete and out by the start of this period
 - b. Define triggers for release of PPE
 - c. Define triggers for Antivirals request to drop sites and retail chain pharmacies
 - d. OHA to obtain hospital plans on use of PPE
 - e. Receipt of Oral Suspension
 - f. Develop a Strategy for Distributing N-95 masks to hospitals
 - g. Message to hospitals – manage expectations regarding receipt of additional PPE
8. Develop strategy on message addressing Safety of Vaccine and Adverse Events
9. Report identifying intervention or next steps regarding EPI assessments on trends or associations of Hospitalizations and Deaths to identify potential interventions
10. Receive SNS PPE
11. Complete and publish ODH Website Redesign for H1N1
 - a. Pursue getting information out on Location and Timing of Vaccine distribution [Map of Flu clinic locations and timing]
 - b. Obtain static Links to locals with same information
12. Identify and Communicate the process and outcomes related to 1135 Waiver (hosp. waiver on CMS)
13. Develop data sets and critical information
14. Develop communications plan around release of Antivirals to Large Retail Pharmacy Chains

JOINT INFORMATION CENTER (JIC) ACTIVITIES

Stakeholder Communications

- **Medical Providers** – The ODH/JIC distributed a letter from Dr. Jackson to stakeholders asking groups to identify needs in reference to H1N1. The JIC received feedback from four doctors of the Ohio Chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics. The JIC forwarded feedback to Martin Tremmel and Dr. Forrest Smith, both of the Ohio Dept. of Health. They will correspond with the pediatricians who provided initial feedback.
- **Legislative** – The first issue of the *H1N1 Legislative Update* newsletter was distributed to Ohio legislators yesterday, November 3rd. The electronic newsletter was e-mailed to the points of contact in each caucus, who will send to all 132 representatives and senators; the D.C. office who will send to the 18 U.S. House Representatives and two U.S. Senators; and Ohio mayors and county commissioners.

Media Trends

- **Vaccine Clinics Held/Scheduled** – (26 articles) The Columbus clinic held at Veterans' Memorial ran smoothly, with 1,700 people being vaccinated on November 3rd. Dayton will hold a vaccination clinic at the University of Dayton on November 5th. Akron will have two clinics on November 6th. Smaller counties are vaccinating young children; larger counties are moving into the next tier of priority groups.
- **Clark County Woman Dies from H1N1** – (5 articles)
- **Vaccine Safety** – (5 articles) Doctors stress that the H1N1 vaccine is safe and the importance of the need of those in priority groups to get vaccinated.

H1N1 Call Center Activities

- The ODH H1N1 general flu information line received 468 calls on Friday (10/30), 662 calls on Monday (11/02), and 535 calls on Tuesday (11/03). The total number of calls received since the call center was activated is 13,496. The majority of these calls have regarded the times and places of vaccination clinics, and complaints of slow vaccine distribution.
- The ODH H1N1 technical line received 126 calls on November 2, 2009 and 148 calls on November 3, 2009. The technical line handles inquiries from health departments regarding software applications while the general line deals with public inquiries.
- The state of Ohio Joint Information Center (JIC) is operational to handle media inquiries regarding H1N1 information, only. JIC hours of operations are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

DISEASE PARAMETERS

The influenza A H1N1 pandemic strain circulating since April 2009 demonstrates characteristics similar to seasonal influenza with the exception that people age 65 and older, are less likely to become infected. It is believed that immunity in this population is related to exposure to a similar virus in the remote past, but H1N1, like any influenza infection in the elderly, is likely to lead to more serious illness.

The Ohio Department of Health reports H1N1 surveillance data on a weekly basis to CDC.

CDC 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

Due to the limited availability of vaccine at this time, the Ohio Department of Health recommends that local health departments gives priority to vaccinating the following groups:

- Pregnant women
- People who live with or care for children younger than 6 months of age
- Health care and emergency medical services personnel with direct patient contact
- Children 6 months through 4 years of age
- Children 5 through 18 years of age who have chronic medical conditions

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
- Multi-dose Vials – 4,036,997
- Live Attenuated Influenza Vaccine – 1,446,156

Total Vaccines Ordered to date = 984,880

Public Population Pre-Registered for Vaccine Population = 341,922

Pre-Registered Provider approved by Local Health Department (LHD) = 2809 out of 5549

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 5:00 p.m. Tuesday November 4, Ohio has allocated and distributed the following:

	Vaccine Doses Available for the Period	Vaccine Doses Already Distributed to Registered Providers
Flumist	332,450	332,450
Novartis adult PFS	143,000	91,330
Sanofi MDV	486,000	449,300
Novartis MDV	148,200	41,900
Sanofi .25 PFS	55,800	48,500
CSL Biotherapies adult PFS	33,000	21,400
Total	1,198,450	984,880

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 on October 19, 2009. Ohio requested and received an additional 528 cases of Pediatric Tamiflu suspension from the CDC through the Strategic

National Stockpile Program on November 3rd. Today the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) has started receiving numerous trucks from the CDC containing the estimated total of 227 pallets of N-95 respirators. ODH plans to organize the N-95 respirators by sorting lot numbers, manufacturers and sizes prior to their inventory. ODH is working on guidance to define triggers that would precede a request and the release of antivirals and PPE.

The CDC announced this week that the FDA authorized additional lot numbers of Tamiflu capsules and Relenza Inhalation Powder for use beyond their expiration dates in an emergency use authorization (EUA) letter. All antivirals included in the Shelf Life Extension Program (SLEP) received by the ODH with lot numbers and expiration dates are shown in the chart, below.

Item Description	Lot	Number of Cases	Expiration Date	Extended Expiration Date
PEDIATRIC SUSPENSIONS	B1045	7	May 31, 2005	February 28, 2010
PEDIATRIC SUSPENSIONS	B1050	320	July 31, 2006	August 31, 2010
PEDIATRIC SUSPENSIONS	B1051	160	July 31, 2006	August 31, 2010
PEDIATRIC SUSPENSIONS	B1054	41	July 31, 2006	August 31, 2010
PEDIATRIC SUSPENSIONS	B1184	131	June 30, 2009	May 31, 2011
PEDIATRIC SUSPENSIONS	B1188	80	June 30, 2009	May 31, 2011
PEDIATRIC SUSPENSIONS	B1189	565	June 30, 2009	May 31, 2011
RELENZA KITS	0238	766	July 31, 2011	--
RELENZA KITS	B153	4670	November 30, 2009	April 26, 2010
RELENZA KITS	B153	600	November 30, 2009	April 26, 2010
TAMIFLU 30 MG BOTTLES	B1004-50	883	November 30, 2014	--
TAMIFLU 45 MG BOTTLES	B1004	268	November 30, 2014	--
TAMIFLU 75 MG BOTTLES	B1100	360	December 31, 2009	April 26, 2010
TAMIFLU 75 MG BOTTLES	B1090	2700	November 30, 2009	April 26, 2010
TAMIFLU 75 MG BOTTLES	B1090	2970	November 30, 2009	April 26, 2010

IMPACT ON PEOPLE

No change from previous reporting period.

During week 43 (October 25 to October 31, 2009), there were 436 hospitalized cases of influenza reported in Ohio.

A cumulative total of 22 deaths have been attributed to H1N1 in Ohio. Death certificate collection averages 7-10 days after death. These statistics reflect the delay.

INCIDENT POTENTIAL

Ohio’s influenza activity level, an indicator of geographic spread, remains at “widespread.” The number of people infected with influenza remains elevated, but some surveillance data sources indicate that activity may have peaked during MMWR Week 42 (October 18-24). The predominant strain in Ohio

and nationally is the 2009 influenza A (H1N1) virus. Surveillance sources indicate continued high levels of hospital admissions and outpatient visits related to influenza-like illness not typical for this time of the year.

To date, more than 341,922 individuals have pre-registered to receive the ODH H1N1 Vaccine. The number of reported pre-registered providers approved by local health departments is 2,809 out of 5,549 as of November 4, 2009.

Hospitalized Influenza Cases and Pneumonia and Influenza Deaths, State of Ohio

Age Group	Ohio Disease Reporting System Data (ODRS), Data as of 11/3/2009 4:25 PM‡				Electronic Death Registration System (EDRS), Data as of 11/2/2009	
	Hospitalized Cases of Influenza Reported (10/25/2009 to 10/31/2009)	Cumulative Hospitalized Cases of Influenza (8/30/2009 to 10/31/2009)*	Hospitalized Cases of Influenza with Confirmed Pandemic H1N1 Reported (10/25/2009 to 10/31/2009)	Cumulative Hospitalized Cases of Influenza with Confirmed Pandemic H1N1 (8/30/2009 to 10/31/2009)*†	Influenza and Pneumonia Deaths (10/25/2009 to 10/31/2009)	Influenza and Pneumonia Deaths (8/30/2009 to 10/31/2009)
0-4	61	244	24	73	1	4
5-18	96	422	53	173	1	3
19-24	38	103	22	48	1	4
25-49	156	385	90	215	7	37
50-64	86	231	44	100	23	112
65+	31	77	12	32	117	768
Unknown	4	4	2	2	0	0
Total	472	1466	247	643	150	928

* Removed sixteen records that were marked "Confirmed" then changed to "Suspected" or "Not A Case" from the previous week, most likely due to rapid test false positive (confirmed by negative PCR tests) or insufficient laboratory information.

† Removed five records that was marked "Confirmed Pandemic H1N1 strain" as laboratory results did not support the finding.

‡ Data is of a condition that is weekly reportable. Cases may be updated after the time this data was pulled, as more laboratory information becomes available, such as additional testing or backlogs. This is preliminary data for last week, as well as cumulative data, and caution should be exercised in interpreting data counts from week-to-week.

Delays in reporting and entering data in the Ohio Disease Reporting System (ODRS) may present as a decrease in incidence of influenza associated hospitalized cases.

Between October 25 and November 1, two suspected outbreaks have been reported from Lucas (1) and Cuyahoga (1) counties. Cumulatively there have been 71 outbreaks (confirmed, probable and suspect) affecting 2,422 Ohioans. The decrease in number of outbreaks from the previous reporting period is due to a suspected outbreak being changed to “not an outbreak” upon investigation.

OTHER IMPACTS

Schools and Businesses

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 six daycares in Ohio have closed do to flu-like illness. Currently, no school and no day cares are temporarily closed. Most closures do not exceed three days.

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. The Declaration 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 Department of Administrative Services (DAS)

- DAS continues to canvass suppliers that provide masks and other H1N1 virus-related items. DAS maintains a current list of suppliers and is researching the potential of housing it on the State Procurement website. This move will enable all interested parties to have access to the listing, which will be updated weekly, at a minimum.
- This week, State Fiscal Officers will be requested to track costs related to the H1N1 response. In addition, DAS will seek information from state agencies related to any H1N1 impact on state services (absenteeism, services mandated by law, etc).

Ohio Community Service Council (OCSC)

Ohio Citizen Corps / Ohio Medical Reserve Corps

The Ohio Responds database continues to grow with new applications for volunteers. Since October 1, there have been over 1500 new applications. Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) groups have received the most new volunteers. Also, during this same time period, 62 Alerts have been sent from Ohio Responds to volunteers with updates about H1N1 Flu Clinics and volunteer opportunities.

Regional Lead Volunteer Centers report increased volunteer interest and involvement in coordinating volunteers for clinics. They are working to assist with registration, training and connecting volunteers with local contacts.

Franklin County: EMA, MRC, CERT, Red Cross and FirstLink are holding weekly coordination meetings. Red Cross is taking care of patient observation at the clinics. All partners are working on

volunteer assignment and registration. FirstLink is working with media partners as well to get the word out about volunteer needs.

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., Friday, November 6, 2009.**

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>.