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ODH ORDERS ADDITIONAL H1N1 FLU VACCINE

ODH reminds parents that children under 10 need a second dose of H1N1 vaccine

COLUMBUS – The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) submitted an order for 372,900 doses of H1N1 flu vaccine to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Friday afternoon. The vaccine will be shipped directly to 936 local health departments, hospitals, family physicians, federally qualified health centers, pediatricians, OB/GYNs, internists and other enrolled medical providers in 88 Ohio counties.

The order includes 98,900 doses of nasal-spray vaccine and 274,000 shots of H1N1 flu vaccine.

The vaccine is intended for high-risk individuals including health care workers and EMS workers who provide direct patient care; pregnant women; people who live with or care for children less than 6 months; all people 6 months to 24 years; and people 25 to 64 years with chronic medical conditions.

The vaccine orders should begin arriving at provider offices and clinics today, according to CDC.

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 November 9th, 2009 are now eligible for their second dose. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that the two doses of H1N1 vaccine be separated by 28 days to be effective.

ODH has previously ordered 2,299,200 doses of H1N1 vaccine, bringing Ohio's total to 2,672,100 doses thus far. This represents Ohio's total allotment at this time of H1N1 influenza vaccine. More vaccine is expected to be available in the coming weeks.

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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