



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 30, 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).

A weekly H1N1 state agency briefing was held today at 1:00 p.m. to allow all Emergency Support Functions (ESFs) and partner agencies an opportunity to report on emerging issues.

OBJECTIVES

The State’s objectives for the **operational period October 28 through November 3, 2009** 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 HAvBed 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

JOINT INFORMATION CENTER ACTIVITIES

The media briefing scheduled for today has been canceled.

A U.S. Congressional Briefing conference call was held at 3:00 p.m. today (Oct. 30). The call was coordinated by the Governor’s D.C. Office and Ohio Department of Health (ODH) Legislative Officer. Participants included Steve Wagner and Dr. Mary DiOrio of the ODH, and Nancy Dragani of Ohio EMA. Topics included Ohio’s overall H1N1 response efforts, epidemiology, and statewide coordination and communication.

Stakeholder Communication

The Joint Information Center’s plan for next week is to work on stakeholder communication. The stakeholder list is complete. The JIC will produce a vaccine safety message that will go to the stakeholder group instead of a media release.

Legislative

Legislative liaisons will no longer funnel requests through the JIC unless they become public information issues.

Media Trends Identified

- There were (12) stories on Thursday, Oct. 29, 2009, regarding long waits with children in line for the H1N1 vaccine. The JIC will distribute a press release on Monday, Nov. 2 regarding tips to keep children occupied. The JIC is awaiting approval from the Governor’s Office.
- There were (4) articles found on Ohio inmates receiving the H1N1 vaccine before school children. ODH Public Information Officer has fielded six media calls on this topic. It was emphasized that only workers and those in the priority group are receiving the vaccination (pregnant women, youth 18 and younger, and individuals with chronic illnesses).

H1N1 Call Center Activities

There has been a steady decline in the number of call center calls this week. The breakdown is as follows: Monday (1,000) calls; Tuesday (800) calls; Wednesday (741) calls; and Thursday (646) calls.

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 Vaccines Ordered to date = 595,200

Public Population Pre-Registered for Vaccine Population = 275,177

Pre-Registered Provider approved by Local Health Department (LHD) = **2744 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 5:00 p.m. Thursday, October 29, 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)

Ohio has requested additional pediatric suspension antiviral from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) through the SNS Program.

The CDC has notified the Ohio Department of Health that (8) Ohio clinicians have ordered Peramivir IV, which is an intravenous antiviral. Clinicians request Peramivir directly from CDC via an online request portal on a case-by-case basis.

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.

IMPACT ON PEOPLE

During week 42 (October 18 to October 24, 2009), there were 463 hospitalized cases of influenza reported in Ohio. **This chart is updated at the close of business each Tuesday.**

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 **16** deaths have been attributed to H1N1 in Ohio.

OTHER IMPACTS

Schools and Businesses

There were no reportable schools or daycares closed do to flu-like illness.

There have been no reports of significant business or university closures, and no adverse effects on government services in the state.

County and Local Impacts

The Henry County EOC is being used as an H1N1 Vaccination Clinic through tomorrow, Saturday, October 31, 2009.

Logan County Medical Reserve Corps and Community Emergency Response Team volunteers continue to assist the Logan County Health District with various functions at H1N1 Vaccination Clinics.

ODH Call Centers

The ODH H1N1 general flu information line received **646** calls on October 29, 2009. The majority of inquiries are still related to when vaccines will be available, and general frustration over the slowness of the shipments. The ODH H1N1 technical flu line received **203** calls on October 29, 2009. The callers were mostly providers with questions about logging in, why they had not received vaccines, how to

record a vaccination, and citizens calling with questions on how to pre-register. The total number of calls received since the call center activated stands at **11,831**. 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 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.

Next 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)

OCSC staff has been communicating with Emergency Support Function (ESF-6) and Ohio Citizen Corps partners about current H1N1 activities. The main activity has been providing program and technical support on volunteer registration and database management for Ohio Responds, the statewide volunteer database.

Ohio Citizen Corps / Ohio Medical Reserve Corps (OCC/OMRC)

During the period of October 19 – 29, 2009, the Ohio Medical Reserve Corps has reported that (23) H1N1 activities have taken place with 223 volunteers participating.

The Wood County Health Department has activated its MRC unit and is utilizing volunteers in flu clinics.

In Richland County, local MRC, Community Emergency Response Team, and Ohio Special Response Team volunteers will be assisting with a public pediatric H1N1 clinic on Saturday, Oct. 31, 2009.

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, 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>.

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.