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ODH ORDERS ADDITIONAL H1N1 FLU VACCINE

219,800 doses will be shipped directly to communities

COLUMBUS – The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) submitted two H1N1 flu vaccine orders on Friday and Saturday to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). A total of 219,800 doses will be shipped directly to providers' offices around the state.

The order includes 84,500 doses of nasal-spray vaccine and 135,300 shots of H1N1 flu vaccine.

Nasal-spray vaccine is approved for use only in healthy people ages 2 to 49, while the shots will be given to high-risk individuals including 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 providers' offices Tuesday and Wednesday, respectively, according to CDC.

ODH has previously ordered 214,200 doses of H1N1 vaccine, bringing Ohio's total to 434,000 doses thus far. 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 9 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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