



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 December 8, 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 December 2, 2009 to December 9, 2009** are:

1. Order and report vaccines in accordance with ODH Vaccine Allocation and Ordering procedures, 2009.
 - a. Continue allocation process and evaluate expanded distribution.
 - b. Develop application for tracking and reporting of who has been vaccinated by geography and category.
 - c. Communicate vaccine distribution.
 - d. Continue monitoring and reporting and reduce unapproved providers (pediatricians, OBGYNs, family practice) by 1,000 and take action to get them approved as appropriate (in order to direct ship).
2. Provide general information to the public and technical assistance to providers/patient registration.
 - a. Develop and implement communication plan for vaccine to African American populations
 - b. Continue communication to LHDs on need for children less than 10 years of age to get second dose and remind LHDs of the availability of technology tools (e-mail notification, reminder/recall notices) to notify parents when to return for this vaccination.

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3. Report critical information to CDC and/or EOC (as found in H1N1 Critical Information Matrix).
4. Assure that H1N1 Vaccine Application displays only data for currently scheduled and future clinics.
5. Monitor the EPI assessments on trends or associations of hospitalizations and deaths and identify interventions or next steps as necessary.
6. Distribute PPE to hospitals, upon receipt of requests.
7. Develop and disseminate allocation plan for SNS ventilators.
8. Complete plan for demobilization issues and guidance.
9. Contact CDC to discuss Ohio's expectations for, and schedule for making vaccine available to the general public.

JOINT INFORMATION CENTER (JIC) ACTIVITIES

The JIC has received approval for the following news release, *ODH/Large Retailers Partner to Provide Antiviral Medications*, as ODH announces a partnership with Giant Eagle, Kroger, Meijer and Walgreens pharmacies to ensure antiviral medication for H1N1 influenza. However, we are waiting until Wednesday morning to issue the release so the JIC can have access to SME's in the event of technical questions.

Media Trends

- ***Vaccine restrictions lifted/Clinic planned for general public (20 stories)*** - The majority of these stories were on the JIC news release from Friday about ODH lifting the restrictions on who can receive the H1N1 vaccine. Three of the stories were on clinics that are scheduled for the general public next week.
- ***Clinic Held/ Scheduled for CDC priority groups (13 stories)*** - Vaccines available to most Ohioans in the target groups including pregnant women, people who live with/care for infants under 6 months; health care workers and emergency services who provide direct patient care; young people 6 months – 24 years; and people 25-64 years old with chronic health disorders or compromised immune systems. Several local health departments are also finishing up school clinics or second dose clinics.
- ***ODH orders additional vaccine/Local health departments get more vaccine (5 stories)*** - The JIC put out a press release on the vaccine order ODH placed on Friday, three television stations picked up this release and posted information on their website. In addition Meigs County and Delaware County released data on the vaccine they have received so far and the additional numbers they plan to receive this week, which accounts for the additional stories.
- ***Churches begin to return to normal "after H1N1" (1 story)*** - WCPO in Cincinnati ran a story about how Catholic churches have made plans to reinstate handshakes during the sign of peace and giving wine during communion. One church will begin these practices on Sunday and another will start once second dose clinics are finished for children. Both practices stopped late this summer after officials warned of the H1N1 outbreak.

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- **Editorial: Public health officials must do more to bust H1N1 myths in African American communities** - The Cleveland Plain Dealer ran an editorial today suggesting that more must be done to educate African Americans in Cleveland area about the benefits of getting the H1N1 vaccine. They said that Cuyahoga County has taken steps in the right direction by planning clinics in churches, but that more must be done. They suggest running PSAs in the area on television and radio as well as holding clinics in malls, recreation centers, and libraries

H1N1 Call Center Activities

- **General Information Line:** The ODH H1N1 flu combined technical/general information line received **256** calls on **December 7, 2009**. Majority of calls related to where and when to get shots. No “hot” issues reported.
- **Hours of Operation:** The state of Ohio Joint Information Center (JIC) is only handling media inquiries regarding H1N1 information. JIC and call center 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. The exception is 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 past, but H1N1, like any influenza infection in the elderly, is likely to lead to more serious illness.

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

The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) continues to coordinate the distribution of all H1N1 vaccines, antivirals, 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.

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

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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 by registered providers to date = 2,675,700

Public Population Pre-Registered for Vaccine Population = **862,696***

Pre-Registered Provider approved by Local Health Department (LHD) = **3042*** out of **4807***

* - Pre-registered provider and public population numbers have changed due to the elimination of duplicate entries in the system. These numbers will continue to change as this is an ongoing process.

As of 5:00 p.m. Monday, December 8 Ohio has allocated and distributed the following:

	Vaccine Doses Available for the Period	Vaccine Doses Already Distributed to Registered Providers
Flumist	737,100	636,000
Novartis adult PFS	292,300	286,700
Sanofi MDV	990,500	802,500
Novartis MDV	753,200	678,500
Sanofi .25 PFS	165,100	165,100
CSL Biotherapies adult PFS	51,300	51,300
CSL MDV	12,000	12,000
Sanofi .50 PFS	86,600	43,600
Total	3,088,100	2,675,700

Vaccine Clinic Locations

Vaccine clinic information can be obtained at:

<http://www.odh.ohio.gov/features/odhfeatures/h1n1vaccinefinder.aspx>.

Vaccine orders have been directed to local health departments, OBGYN providers, internal medicine, pediatricians, family physicians, and federally qualified health centers. Some hospitals will be allocated vaccine based on assuring adequate vaccine doses for the highest risk children, especially at Ohio’s children’s hospitals.

ODH placed H1N1 vaccine orders for providers who:

- Have completed the registration process on the H1N1 vaccine web site
- Have been approved for participation by their local health district
- Have ordered at least 100 doses of vaccine.

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ODH is extending the opportunity to local health departments willing to register allergists as providers of the H1N1 influenza vaccine. According to the CDC, a regimen has been developed for administering influenza vaccine to asthmatic children with severe disease and egg hypersensitivity. In order for an allergist to become a registered provider of H1N1 vaccine, the allergist should contact their local health department regarding becoming a provider.

Antivirals and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

An allotment of 383,058 bottles or discs/cases of antiviral medications from the state's Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) was 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 3, 2009. The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) distributed this Pediatric Tamiflu suspension to pharmacies and designated local health departments to make it accessible throughout Ohio.

Currently spot shortages of pediatric Tamiflu antiviral suspension have been successfully filled with the use of Tamiflu capsules being compounded.

IMPACT ON PEOPLE

During week 47 (November 22 to November 28, 2009), there were 108 hospitalized cases of influenza reported in Ohio. From August 30 through December 8, 2009, the cumulative total for Ohio influenza confirmed hospitalizations is **2999** individuals per Ohio Disease Reporting System (ODRS).

At least **43** people hospitalized with H1N1 infection have died in Ohio. Counties reporting deaths are Butler (2), Cuyahoga (6), Franklin (12), Greene (2), Licking (2), Fayette (2), Wood (2), Mahoning (3) and one each in Athens, Carroll, Columbiana, Geauga, Guernsey, Hamilton, Lorain, Montgomery, Ross, Stark, Summit and Warren counties. Please note that this is likely an underestimate of Ohio deaths due to H1N1. Death certificate collection averages 7-10 days after death. This data reflects the delay.

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 Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) Week 42 (The week of October 18-24). The predominant strain in Ohio and nationally is the 2009 influenza A (H1N1) virus.

Surveillance sources indicate a downward trend for emergency department visits for constitutional and respiratory symptoms.

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

Age Group	Ohio Disease Reporting System Data (ODRS), Data as of 12/01/2009 3:40 PM ¹				Electronic Death Registration System (EDRS), Data as of 11/30/2009 ²			
	Hospitalized Cases of Influenza Reported (11/22/2009 to 11/28/2009)	Cumulative Hospitalized Cases of Influenza (8/30/2009 to 11/28/2009) ³	Hospitalized Cases of Influenza with Confirmed Pandemic H1N1 Reported (11/22/2009 to 11/28/2009)	Cumulative Hospitalized Cases of Influenza with Confirmed Pandemic H1N1 (8/30/2009 to 11/28/2009) ^{3,4}	Influenza Deaths (11/22/2009 to 11/28/2009)	Cumulative Influenza Deaths (9/13/2009 to 11/28/2009)	Influenza and Pneumonia (P&I) Deaths (11/22/2009 to 11/28/2009)	Cumulative Influenza and Pneumonia (P&I) Deaths (9/13/2009 to 11/28/2009)
0-4	20	506	9	162	0	1	1	9
5-18	20	667	8	282	0	6	0	7
19-24	8	214	10	115	0	0	0	5
25-49	27	763	28	409	1	13	3	76
50-64	23	510	24	257	4	25	16	219
65+	10	198	12	90	2	35	83	1,249
Unknown	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0
Total	108	2,860	91	1,317	7	80	103	1,565

¹ 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.

² EDRS data fields were turned on and registrars were asked to start using these fields on September 14, 2009.

³ Removed 11 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.

⁴ Removed eight records that was marked "Confirmed Pandemic H1N1 strain" as laboratory results did not support the finding.

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.

Since November 1, 2009, there have been no reported outbreaks. Cumulatively there have been 73 outbreaks (confirmed, probable and suspect) affecting 2,498 Ohioans. The ODH H1N1 Testing Algorithm no longer includes cluster confirmation.

OTHER IMPACTS

There have been no reports of significant business closures, and no adverse effects on government services in the state. Currently, no school or child day care center closures are reported.

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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 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.

CONTIGUOUS STATES

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

SITREP/BRIEFING DATA

All agencies should email briefing reports to: eocassmt@dps.state.oh.us by 2:30 p.m. daily.

Addressees are invited to monitor the Ohio EMA Common Operating Picture webpage at <http://ema.ohio.gov/COP.aspx>.