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H1N1 Vaccine Arrives in Shelby County

The first shipment of H1N1 vaccine has arrived in Shelby County. Only 100 doses of flu mist were received and health officials are determining how best to distribute these to priority groups which are:

- Healthy persons who live with or provide care for infants less than 6 months of age and who are between 2 through 49 years of age;
- Healthy health care workers giving direct patient care, and are less than 50 years of age (except those who work with severely immune-compromised patients such as bone marrow transplant units).
- Healthy children 2 through 4 years of age.

“The amount of vaccine given to Shelby County is being determined by the state according to population,” said Assistant Director Shelby County Public Health Jennifer Muff. “Vaccine will continue to be shipped to Shelby County Public Health through the winter months. Watch for further announcements concerning availability.

“Because we have cases of H1N1 in Shelby County, we understand the public is concerned and may be anxious to get the vaccine. We are working hard to get the vaccine out as quickly as possible,” stated Vickie Gillespie, Director of Community Health.

Just remember, it is important to take the following precautions to prevent the spread of the virus:

- Cover your cough,
- Clean your hands, and
- Contain germs by staying home when ill.

A statewide toll-free hotline has been established for public questions about seasonal and H1N1 influenza at 1-800-447-1985. More information can also be found at www.idph.state.ia.us.