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### **H1N1 Vaccination Campaign**

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The overall plan for vaccination of Livingston County residents for H1N1 Influenza is a public/private partnership. Livingston County Department of Public Health (LCDPH) is concentrating on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) priority groups and allocating vaccine to the many private medical providers that have priority group patients.

Earlier this fall, CDC informed us that 45 million doses were expected nationwide by mid-October. In a meeting late Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, we were informed that vaccine distribution will be significantly delayed. The number of doses of H1N1 vaccine we anticipated may be less and may not arrive until mid-November at the earliest.

Livingston County was allocated 98,000 doses of H1N1 Influenza vaccine based on population. We have received orders from County medical providers for 78,690 doses of H1N1 vaccine. As of today, we have been able to place orders with the CDC for only 7700 doses of vaccine. We have received and distributed 1900 doses of H1N1 vaccine in multi-dose vials and 1800 doses of the Live Attenuated H1N1 Influenza vaccine (intranasal). All of that vaccine has been

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distributed to medical providers who see the highest risk patients. We are expecting another 2200 doses of injectable vaccine and 1800 doses of intranasal vaccine later this week or early next week. When the vaccine is received it will be distributed to thirty-eight (38) private providers. This does not include any to the retail pharmacies at this time. Our goal has been to assure the small amount of vaccine we had available is administered to those persons most at risk for serious complications from H1N1 Influenza.

Until sufficient vaccine is available, we will not be able to schedule community clinics. School located clinics have been planned but are based on vaccine availability. We will keep school superintendents updated weekly about the status of vaccine received in order to judge if we will have sufficient quantities to conduct these clinics as planned.

We appreciate the cooperation we have received from our many partners in the community. Unfortunately, vaccine supply is beyond our control and is not just affecting Livingston County but also the state and the entire country.

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