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H1N1 Flu Vaccine

The Brazos County Health Department has received a very limited supply of the H1N1 vaccine. Dr. Charles Williams, Brazos County Health Authority, has recommended, based on best public health practices, to begin vaccinating children with high-risk medical conditions in Kindergarten-4th grade. This vaccine strategy was chosen due to the susceptibility of children to H1N1 in these age groups.

Because of the limited supply of vaccine, the health department will be collaborating with Bryan ISD and College Station ISD to distribute the vaccine only to high-risk elementary students within the districts.

Vaccine will not be distributed at the health department at this time. However, as vaccine is received, the health department will continue to evaluate the next priority groups to be vaccinated and will schedule clinics for the general public.

Healthcare providers in Brazos County have begun to receive the H1N1 vaccine, as well. The public is encouraged to contact their primary healthcare provider to determine availability.

DSHS expects to receive larger inventories of vaccine by mid-November for widespread distribution across the state. In the meantime the health department is urging providers and the public to be patient and to follow flu prevention practices.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water. Alcohol-based hand sanitizers are also effective.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Get a seasonal flu shot.
- Stay informed. Visit www.brazoshealth.org, www.texasflu.org, or call 2-1-1.

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