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H1N1 Flu Vaccine Update

Texas continues to receive limited quantities of the H1N1 vaccine as it is received by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). A total of 506,200 doses of vaccine have been allotted to the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) during the first two weeks of October.

Because supplies are limited, the initial vaccines received will target specific priority groups, which include:

- Pregnant women
- Children 2-4 years of age
- Children 5-18 years of age who have health conditions associated with higher medical complications from flu

Clinics, physicians, and hospitals who serve large numbers of patients in these priority groups will continue to receive vaccine first.

The initial doses of vaccine being shipped to local health departments are to build a state public health safety net. As vaccine is received, the Brazos County Health Department will determine vaccine distribution according to recommendations from DSHS.

DSHS expects to have larger inventories of vaccine by mid-November for widespread distribution across the state. In the meantime DSHS 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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