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H1N1 Flu Vaccine Update

Texas did not receive the original 3.4 million doses of H1N1 vaccine as expected. Therefore, the vaccine will be released in limited supplies as it is received by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) has formed a planning committee to determine how to allocate the small amounts of vaccine being received.

The target group for the initial vaccine is children 2-3 years of age. Health care providers that serve large numbers in this age group will 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-October for widespread distribution across the state.

The health department still encourages everyone 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. Or, cough or sneeze into your elbow.
- 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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