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LINCOLN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED THE FIRST SHIPMENT OF H1N1 VACCINE

Lincoln County Health Department Director, Paula Sampson reports that our Local Public Health Department has received the first shipment of 400 doses of H1N1 nasal spray vaccine. This is a live, attenuated vaccine that is sprayed into the nose.

This shipment is the first of a total of 20,633 doses (both nasal spray and injectable vaccine) which will be enough to immunize all of tier one individuals.

In addition to providing 25 community medical partners with their allotment of H1N1 nasal spray, Public Health will be doing clinics at the Health Department. Drop in clinics will be held daily from 1-6 PM beginning October 9th continuing through October 23rd at the 36 SW Nye Street in Newport.

Groups recommended to receive H1N1 nasal spray are healthy people:

- From 2 through 24 years of age
- From 25 through 49 years of age **AND**
Live with or care for infants younger than 6 months of age **OR**
are health care or emergency medical personnel.
- As more vaccine arrives, other healthy 25 through 49 year olds should also be vaccinated.

NOTE: While certain groups should not get the live nasal spray vaccine—for example pregnant women, people with long term health problems, and children from 6 months to 2 years of age—it is important that they be vaccinated. They should get the H1N1 flu shot.

When the inactivated vaccine is also available, which is given as a shot, the initial target group will be:

- pregnant women,
- people who live with or care for children younger than 6 months of age,
- health care and emergency medical services personnel,
- persons between the ages of 6 months through 24 years of age, and
- people from ages 25 through 64 years who are at higher risk for novel H1N1 because of chronic health disorders or compromised immune systems.

For the most current local seasonal and H1N1 Flu information including Public Health Clinic schedules go to: www.lincolncountyhealth.com. For more information regarding the flu, Seasonal and H1N1 please go to www.flu.oregon.gov

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