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SUBJECT: CDC Antiviral Guidance for Clinicians, Huron County Vaccine Schedule, and Transfer of Vaccine to Providers

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SENT TO: Hospitals, Physicians Practices, Pharmacies, EMS, Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities

Please distribute to staff and patients/clients/customers/residents as appropriate:

The Huron County General Health District has scheduled vaccine clinics for next week. Information on dates, times and locations follows this transmission. Because of the shortage of vaccine, the Health District is strictly adhering to the CDC priority groups, first vaccinating the highest risk groups. As more vaccine becomes available we open up to additional priority groups. **Please note we have expanded the priority groups to include all those who work in healthcare settings, all children 6 months to 18 years old, and those who live with or care for infants less than 6 months old. We are still offering vaccine to pregnant women.** We offer both the nasal spray and the injectable vaccine (to those eligible to receive the vaccine) at the clinics.

Additionally, we will be offering a limited number of H1N1 vaccine doses to those providers who have registered to provide H1N1 vaccine through the ODH system. Providers who offer vaccine must record vaccine administered in the ODH H1N1 vaccine tracking system at www.h1n1vaccine.odh.ohio.gov. Any provider that does not enter doses administered will not receive future vaccine doses. Vaccine given to providers can only be used to vaccinate staff and patients in the CDC priority groups, including:

1. Pregnant women,
2. All children age 6 months to 18 years,
3. Those who live with or care for infants less than 6 months old, and
4. Healthcare workers (including medical, clerical and administrative staff, dentists, optometrists, school nurses, physical, occupational, speech and respiratory therapists, EMTs, etc.).

The CDC health alert regarding antiviral use also follows this transmission.

For local questions, please contact Chris Cherry, Director of Nursing at ext: 230 or Angie Smith, Epidemiologist at ext: 231 at the Huron County General Health District (419) 668-1652.