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DELAWARE GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT WEEKLY INFLUENZA UPDATE

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DELAWARE, Oh., Jan. 8, 2010 – This is the weekly flu update issued by the Delaware General Health District.

The first week of 2010 saw continued interest in H1N1 flu immunizations in Delaware County. The Delaware General Health District provided more than 500 this week.

One of those doses was the 5,000th H1N1 immunization given by our agency since we shifted to appointment-based clinics in mid-December. Overall, the total of H1N1 immunizations provided in Delaware County since last October is now approaching 17,000.

To make an appointment for an H1N1 immunization, log on to www.delawarehealth.org. Follow the link and instructions to use the online scheduling system. You can sign up your entire family at a time convenient for you.

Starting next week, we will offer the by-appointment H1N1 clinics on a regular schedule, as follows:

- At the Delaware Health Center, 801 Ohio Health Boulevard, Delaware: Every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. There also will be a clinic there on Saturday, Jan. 23, from 9:15 to 11:45 a.m.
- At the Delaware General Health District clinic, 3 W. Winter St., Delaware: Weekdays from 7:45 to 9 a.m.

Children under 10 need to get a booster dose of H1N1 vaccine at least 28 days after their initial dose.

The Delaware General Health District has exhausted all of its seasonal flu vaccine supplies.

LOCAL CASES: No new confirmed cases of H1N1 flu were reported in the Delaware General Health District over the past week.

SENTINEL SITES AND OTHER SURVEILLANCE: The number of people being seen by a healthcare provider due to Influenza Like Illness continues to be higher than normal. However, the number of people being seen by a healthcare provider due to ILI has declined over the last couple weeks. This is according to data from emergency rooms and urgent cares. There was a slight increase in thermometer sales over the last week, but over-the-counter flu treatment sales have returned to normal.