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## TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES, MUNICIPAL REPS PRAISE LOCAL H1N1 RESPONSE

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**DELAWARE, Oh., March 17, 2010** – Elected officials from across Delaware County praised the Delaware General Health District's response to the H1N1 flu pandemic Tuesday.

At the start of the annual Health District Advisory Council meeting, Chairman Phil Panzarella invited the gathering of township trustees and municipal leaders to join him in applause for the Health District staff. Panzarella cited the H1N1 campaign and Delaware County's recent top ranking for Public Health among Ohio's 88 counties.

Health Commissioner Frances M. Veverka MPH RS used a slideshow to describe the H1N1 immunization campaign that started last October. The local Health District has given 18,165 H1N1 vaccine doses in the record-setting campaign, and was recognized by the Ohio Department of Health for reaching a large percentage of at-risk individuals.

Veverka thanked the Delaware County Sheriff's Office, Delaware City Police, the county Fair Board, local schools, the Delaware County Emergency Medical Service, the Board of Developmental Disabilities, and numerous community volunteers for their help with the campaign. Delaware City Manager Tom Homan, representing Mayor Gary Milner, responded by thanking Veverka and her staff for a professional and dedicated response to the Public Health concern.

The Health District Advisory Council meets every March to select Board of Health members who represent Delaware County's township and village populations and to receive the District's Annual Report. That yellow newsletter will be mailed to all households in the near future.

The DAC reappointed Patrick Blayney P.E. to the Board of Health for a term that will end in 2015. Mr. Blayney is the Deputy Delaware County Engineer and a former Genoa Township Trustee who has served on the Board of Health since 2001, the last eight years as its Vice President.

In other business:

- The DAC reelected Panzarella, a Berlin Township Trustee, as Chairman, and reelected Scioto Township Trustee Sandra Stults as Secretary.
- Mr. Blayney presented 20 Year Service Awards to Health District staff members Rick Little, Pam Shears, Mani Syar, and Roger Wren, and a 10 Year Service Award to Connie Codispoti.
- The DAC adopted a Proclamation for National Public Health Week coming up on April 5-11. The Health District will conduct an Open House on Friday evening, April 2, in observance of Public Health Week.
- The DAC set next year's meeting for March 15, 2011.