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H1N1 Vaccination Update

The Franklin County Board of Health has continued to revisit both our abilities and the demand to come to the schools to hold H1N1 clinics.

We have realized that public health alone cannot vaccinate everyone who should be vaccinated. Mass vaccination clinics simply cannot be the only distribution method. Given that and the fact that there is also still limited vaccine, we have decided not come to the schools to hold H1N1 vaccination clinics.



We receive vaccine shipments weekly and have shifted much of that vaccine directly to the health care providers in the community (pediatricians, family practices and OB/GYN's). The Ohio Department of Health has also started shipping vaccine directly to providers who have requested it and we hope mass retail pharmacies will be in that distribution in the next week or two.

If you are unable to get the H1N1 vaccine from your private provider or if you do not have a private provider we strongly encourage you to attend any of our community clinics.

The H1N1 vaccine is free at all community clinics in Franklin County and we are now open to all of the following groups:

- All children and young adults age 6 months through 24 years
- Pregnant Women
- Healthcare Workers
- Adult caregivers of infants under 6 months of age
- Adults age 25-64 with underlying medical conditions

Please visit www.columbuspandemicflu.org or call 2-1-1 to learn about upcoming community vaccination clinics.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan A. Tilgner".

Susan Tilgner
Franklin County Health Commissioner