

H1N1 Community Meeting Minutes October 21, 2009

Attendance: Dr. McFadden, Vaughn Anderson, Steve Schwarzwald, Deb Zuercher, Beth Crone, Jon Croup, Cindie Norris, Kim Martin, Tami Bucklew, Nyla Burick, Scott Balder, Kerri Harter, Tennille Cline, Tom Eastep, Erik Parker, and Zach Sorenson

Epidemiology

As of last week there was 150% increase in all surveillance reporting activities compared to previous weeks. We are three weeks behind in relationship to surrounding counties. West Holmes Middle School is >20% absenteeism and Mt. Hope is experiencing 24%. The age group showing up in ER and physician offices is appropriate for H1N1.

Vaccine

The Health District has received two shipments of vaccine and as of Tuesday had given 285 immunizations and 200 nasals. The flu mist is more available than the shots.

Mass Distribution of Meds/SNS

No medications have been distributed at this time but a plan has been established for distribution of medications. Over a one week period more medications were distributed in Holmes County than all of last year.

Triage/Medical Surge

No one has reported that they are over run with ill patients at this point but visits are doubled.

Crisis Communication

The H1N1 hotline is up and running. The website for H1N1 is linked to the Holmes County Health District web site and will be updated for the most current information. Currently we are looking at linking to Facebook and Twitter.

Community Containment

Schools are reporting a lot of fever and respiratory illness. Statewide there are five schools closed due to illness. The criteria for the Health District to close the schools would be based on the severity of the disease and severity does not mean how many children are ill, it is based on mortality rate.

Other Business

Dr. McFadden is currently working on the time line of events for H1N1 beginning about two weeks ago.