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Health Department receives its first shipment of nasal-spray H1N1 vaccine

The Kane County Health Department received its first shipment of nasal-spray H1N1 flu vaccine (Live Attenuated Influenza Vaccine [LAIV]) Thursday. The limited shipment of 500 doses will be used to vaccinate health care workers, emergency services personnel and police officers.

“We are extremely pleased to have received our first shipment of H1N1 vaccine as we prepare to open our public clinics later in the month,” said Paul Kuehnert, Health Department Executive Director, said.

Health care workers and emergency first responders are already being exposed to ill people in clinical settings, and it is important that they be able to keep providing services during the H1N1 outbreak. The Health Department initially will provide the nasal spray to health care workers and emergency first responders, including its staff and volunteers who will be manning the mass public clinics beginning Oct. 26. Once more nasal spray vaccine is delivered, it will be made available in the public clinics.

The nasal spray vaccine is not for people less than 2 years of age or older than 50 years of age. More information about the nasal spray vaccine is available at www.cdc.gov/flu/about/qa/nasalspray.htm.

To learn more about the Health Department’s “Stop the Flu: It Starts With You” campaign, please visit the Web site at www.kanehealth.com/stop_flu.htm.

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