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Additional Doses of H1N1 Vaccine Recalled December 23, 2009

LICKING COUNTY, OHIO – On December 22, 2009, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) announced that the vaccine manufacturer MedImmune was voluntarily recalling thirteen lots of nasal spray H1N1 vaccine. This amounts to approximately 4.7 million doses of the vaccine. The reason for the recall is that testing has confirmed that the potency of the vaccine provided in these doses was less than the originally specified amount offered by the manufacturer. This recall is not safety related, and the CDC is not recommending that anyone who received the recalled vaccine take any special actions.

The Licking County Health Department distributed 919 doses of the recalled vaccine in October and November 2009. The CDC has stated that the vaccine was more than likely fully potent and within specifications at that time, and there is no need for anyone who received this vaccine to be revaccinated.

“Our department has distributed 919 doses of the vaccine affected by this recall, and all of the information that we have received from the CDC indicates that there are absolutely no safety related issues associated with the recalled vaccine.” said Joe Ebel, Licking County Health Commissioner. “Those individuals that received this vaccine do not need to be revaccinated, and all indications are that they are fully protected against the virus.” Ebel continued. “Our staff is gathering information in order to contact those individuals that received this version of the vaccine, and we hope to have this process completed by next week.”

For more information regarding the H1N1 virus please visit www.lickingcohealth.org.

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