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**NEARLY THREE QUARTER OF A MILLION H1N1 DOSES ON ITS WAY!**

*Doors open wide for all Virginians*

(RICHMOND, Va.)— Today the State Health Commissioner has opened the door for all Virginians to get immunized against H1N1 influenza.

“Today’s allocation of 700,000 doses of vaccine makes it possible to now offer H1N1 vaccinations to all Virginians,” said State Health Commissioner Karen Remley, M.D., MBA. “Put down on your holiday list making sure your family and loved ones get their vaccinations.”

With this latest release of vaccine from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, over 3 million doses will have been sent to Virginia. Over 3000 physician offices, pharmacies, big box stores, clinics and health departments are registered in the state as H1N1 vaccinators. To find vaccination sites serving the public, use the Vaccine Flu Locator tool on the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) website at [www.vdh.virginia.gov](http://www.vdh.virginia.gov). Information for the public is also available from the Virginia Department of Health Inquiry Center toll free weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 1-877-ASK-VDH3.

Influenza disease activity continues to be widespread in Virginia with more people seeking treatment for flu-like symptoms than is usual for this time of year. The H1N1 strain of flu virus is responsible now for essentially all flu infections found in Virginia at this time. With several months left in our typical flu season, vaccination remains the number one means of protection against this disease.

For more information about influenza, visit the VDH website at [www.vdh.virginia](http://www.vdh.virginia) and the CDC website at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).

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