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### **NEWS MEDIA ALERT RE: H1N1 VACCINE ARRIVAL**

Thank you very much for your help in getting up-to-date messages to our community regarding the H1N1 situation.

**Benton-Franklin Health District does not yet have an exact arrival date for the first shipments of H1N1 vaccine.** It is extremely important to understand that the first doses, which are the intra-nasal mist (a nose-spray version), will not be available to the general public.

**The first shipments of H1N1 vaccine arriving at the Benton-Franklin Health District will be distributed between our four local hospitals.** These are Prosser Memorial, Kadlec Regional Medical Center, Kennewick General Hospital, and Lourdes Medical Center.

Health care workers in acute care settings have been prioritized by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to be vaccinated first. Shipments are expected to begin arriving on a more regular basis, and we will keep you informed.

In the meantime, please remind people:

- Stay home if you are ill,
- Take non-aspirin fever reducing medications if you have a fever,
- Wash your hands frequently,
- Most people will not need medical care, but
- **CALL** your health care provider if your symptoms worsen.

The most up-to-date information is available at [www.bfhd.wa.gov](http://www.bfhd.wa.gov) and through the Flu Hotline at 509-460-4FLU (460-4358).