



## PUBLIC INFORMATION

ITEM NO. 2.

**DATE OF MEETING:** November 16, 2009

**REQUESTED BY:** Dr. Jack Griffith, Board of Health

**SHORT TITLE:** Update on the H1N1 virus issue.

**BACKGROUND: H1N1 Update:**

The Pender County Health Department has a very limited amount of H1N1 vaccine that is available on a first come-first served basis to the public by appointment. There is no out-of-pocket charge for the vaccine; however, health insurance may be billed an administration fee.

Individuals who have allergies to eggs or the vaccine components, reaction to a previous seasonal flu vaccine, or have a history of Guillain-Barré Syndrome cannot receive the vaccination. Children younger than 10 years must receive two doses of the H1N1 vaccine spaced approximately 30 days apart. Because there is no vaccine for infants younger than 6 months of age, we strongly urge persons who live with or provide care for infants less than 6 months of age (example: parents, siblings, childcare providers) to get vaccinated.

We have identified 42 positive rapid Influenza A tests in health department clinics.

We have provided:

Seasonal vaccine given to date:	990
H1N1 vaccine given to date:	476 (166 Mist; 310 injectables)
School vaccinations given	2,991 seasonal flu shots
Number of schools	16

H1N1 vaccine in schools      0 (will schedule when vaccine is available)  
How many staff people are working on the flu vaccination program? 5

In the coming weeks we expect to have more vaccine made available by the state.