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**INITIAL SHIPMENT OF 2,400 H1N1 VACCINES ARRIVE ON ISLAND**

***Nasal Spray Formulation H1N1 FluMist (LAIV) Vaccines to be sent to GMH and Healthcare Providers***

The Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) is in receipt of its first shipment of the H1N1 FluMist (the nasal spray vaccine). According to the recommendations from the Guam Vaccine and Antiviral Planning Committee, first priority will be given to healthcare and emergency medical services personnel with direct patient contact. Following this recommendation, DPHSS will be distributing this initial vaccine shipment to the Guam Memorial Hospital and other healthcare providers.

More doses are expected for shipment each week. We ask members of the public who want to receive this vaccine to be patient as the DPHSS program expands and more vaccine becomes available. There will be enough vaccine available for anyone who wishes to receive it.

For more information regarding the vaccines, please call Ms. Bertha Taijeron, Program Coordinator at 735-7125.