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TO: Logan County Physicians  
FROM: Boyd C. Hoddinott, BSC, MD, MPH  
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RE: Swine Flu Preparations

First of all, thank you for all you do for the community and for what you will be doing should swine flu reach pandemic status. We intend to keep you informed regularly.

- 1) What we say herein may change because this is a rapidly evolving, very fluid situation
- 2) Today it is time to ask patients with febrile respiratory illness presenting to your office to wash their hands and put on a mask.
- 3) You also need to plan how you will segregate, either by space or time, potential swine flu cases from other patients should the epidemic reach central Ohio.
- 4) A suspected case of S-OIV infection is defined as a person with acute febrile respiratory illness (fever of at least 100.4°F and one or more of: cough, sore throat, nasal congestion) with onset:
  - Within 7 days of close contact with a person who is a confirmed case of S-OIV infection, or
  - Within 7 days of travel to community either within the United States or internationally where there are one or more confirmed cases of S-OIV infection, or
  - Resides in a community where there is one or more confirmed cases of S-OIV infection.
- 5) This group of patients should have a nasopharyngeal swab placed in viral medium. Please have your viral cultures on ice packs to the health district office by 2:00 p.m. each weekday for transport to the Ohio Department of Health laboratory.
- 6) There are only 28 courses of Tamiflu available in the county. Swine flu responds to Tamiflu. It is NOT to be used for prophylaxis. Seasonal flu is resistant to Tamiflu and Relenza, but does respond to Amantadine. PLEASE RESERVE TAMIFLU/RELENZA ONLY FOR THOSE PATIENTS MEETING THE ABOVE CDC CASE DEFINITION.
- 7) On Monday, May 4, 2009, at 4:00 p.m. there will be an informational/instructional meeting at the Logan County Health District, 310 South Main Street, for medical offices. It is very important that you send a representative to this meeting.

Attachment- Interim Guidance-Children and Pregnant Women

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