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The Columbia County Health Department has received a few hundred doses of the H1N1 Flu vaccine. Some primary care providers may also have received this vaccine. The health department is scheduling appointments for individuals identified in the top priority groups to administer the vaccine.

The Columbia County Health Department may also be unique in that we have taken a proactive approach in gearing up for the H1N1 Novel flu vaccine distribution to a targeted population. The Columbia County Schools have begun to send home letters along with H1N1 vaccine information sheets and consent forms to allow time for parents to review vaccine information about H1N1 and to make an informed decision about whether or not their child should receive the vaccine.

Clinics will not be scheduled until we have the number of returned consent forms, but we hope to begin giving the vaccine to school age children in the beginning of November. This should allow time for consent forms to be turned in and time for the schools to prepare for the clinics. It is our hope that this will be a positive joint effort in promoting wellness in one of the most valuable assets, our children. By protecting our children we also protect our community.