

Local Health and H1N1

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Local Health and H1N1: Issue 1 - Staffing

- **Funds: PHER I is here.**
- **Where are the seasonal influenza funds authorized under ARRA (stimulus) due in September?**
- **Sufficient funds are still lacking to hire vaccination and data management staff.**
- **Volunteer networks are in place to initiate early activities as we wait for funds to hire staff.**

Local Health and H1N1: Issue 2 – Vaccine Availability

- **Confusion persists re: how much and when vaccine is coming.**
- **Supply issues with seasonal (LAIV/TIV) and H1 vaccines.**
- **Baltimore City has received only 10% seasonal LAIV needed for SLV in 5-11 y.o.**
- **Demand created for seasonal flu vaccine (TIV) goes unmet due to distribution issues.**
- **Public health's credibility is again at risk.**
- **Computer-based provider pre-registration is going well in our city and state.**

Local Health and H1N1 Vaccine: Issue 3 - Communication

- **Communication between local public health, schools and colleges is improving through shared goals/relationships.**
- **PHER I is capacitating enhanced web development for Baltimore City.**
- **Bus ads, a proven tool, debut in October 2009 (Baltimore + Chicago, San Antonio, San Diego, etc).**
- **Radio is a potent medium in metro areas and remains relatively unexplored for H1N1 communication.**

Local Health and H1N1 - Summary

- **Overall the picture is improving.**
- **Staffing efforts have been enhanced by PHER I; remaining funds, including ARRA and PHER II/III, are needed asap.**
- **Vaccine supply and delivery dates remain a source of confusion.**
- **Communication with schools is stronger; use of radio should be enhanced.**