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### Portage County EMTs receive H1N1 flu vaccine

Last week the Portage County local health departments teamed with Robinson Memorial Hospital to provide H1N1 vaccination training to local EMT's. Under the governor's declaration, EMT's who complete a state-mandated training can help public health officials provide the H1N1 flu vaccine. Four training opportunities were held last week, resulting in approximately 70 EMT-vaccinators. These trained EMTs will be vaccinating the rest of the emergency medical response personnel in the county this week.

EMTs were offered both forms of the H1N1 vaccine. Many of the EMTs who were eligible for the nasal spray volunteered to take it. In order to take the nasal spray, a person must be between the ages of 2 and 49 with no chronic health conditions.

Later this week the Portage County local health departments will offer H1N1 flu vaccine to medical professionals providing direct patient care.

To view pictures of the EMT training, please visit [www.co.portage.oh.us/h1n1.htm](http://www.co.portage.oh.us/h1n1.htm).

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