



**Grant County Health District – Always Working for a Healthier and Safer Grant County**

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**HEALTHCARE EMERGENCIES ALLIANCE**

**Telephone Meeting Agenda**

**May 4, 2009, 10-11 am**

**Call In:**

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**Participant Access Code 125005#**

**Facilitator: Dr. Alexander L Brzezny, MD, MPH, Grant County Health Officer**

- 1. Roll Call**
- 2. Review/modify agenda**
- 3. H1N1 update**
- 4. Mitigation strategies in the community**
- 5. Antivirals\***
- 6. H1N1 patient flow at your facility**
- 7. Review/define role of Healthcare Emergencies Alliance**
- 8. Questions/other**

**\*Strategic National Stockpile antivirals released from Federal Government to States.**

- Grant County Health District accepting the full allocation offered at this time.
- Very limited use for prophylaxis, primarily for treatment.

**\*State purchase of limited quantities of *subsidized* antivirals for pandemic response**

- In 2007, HHS began offering state and local governments a limited supply of antiviral drugs and subsidized 25 percent of the cost.
- Washington can purchase up to 643,744 courses under this program—enough to treat about 10 percent of the state's population. Washington state and eight Washington counties have purchased enough antivirals, 417,902 courses, to treat just over 6.3 percent of the state's 6,587,600 people.
- The subsidized cost of the antivirals was \$14.43 per course for Tamiflu and \$16.29 for Relenza.
- The subsidized purchase program has been extended through September 1, 2009.
- A number of other local health jurisdictions, tribes, and hospitals are considering orders now that the program has been extended.
- Very limited use for prophylaxis, primarily for treatment.

**\*State purchase of additional antivirals for pandemic response at standard government prices**

- Local government agencies can purchase additional antivirals through the Department of Health.
- The standard, non-subsidized government price was \$19.24 for Tamiflu and \$21.72 for Relenza through June 2008. A new contracted price has not yet been announced.
- Very limited use for prophylaxis, primarily for treatment.

The meeting will be recorded to assist in minutes preparation.