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## **Weekly H1N1 influenza update for Tuesday, November 24, 2009**

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Since Sept. 1, 2009, 1,183 people have been hospitalized in Oregon with influenza-like illness; 49 people have died.

"We have fewer new cases compared to a few weeks ago, but the number is still high, about what we would see at the peak of a bad regular flu season," says Mel Kohn, M.D., M.P.H., director of the Oregon Public Health Division.

Private drug manufacturers continue to ship the H1N1 influenza vaccine into Oregon, with more arriving each week. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has allocated another 136,749 doses to Oregon expected by Friday, Nov. 27, bringing the cumulative total to 664,904.

"With the vaccine still in limited supply, we're asking health care providers to reach out to people in high-risk groups, especially those with chronic medical conditions, so they can get vaccinated as soon as possible," says Kohn.

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The people at higher risk, and those who take care of them, include:

- Individuals aged 5-64 years with chronic medical conditions that put them at risk for complications from influenza infection (cardio-pulmonary disease, diabetes, asthma), including those with neuro-developmental and other conditions that decrease their ability to handle respiratory secretions;
- pregnant women;
- children up to age 5;
- household contacts and caretakers of infants under 6 months;
- health care workers and emergency services personnel.

The Oregon Public Health Division regularly surveys the counties and posts current public clinic information at [www.flu.oregon.gov](http://www.flu.oregon.gov).

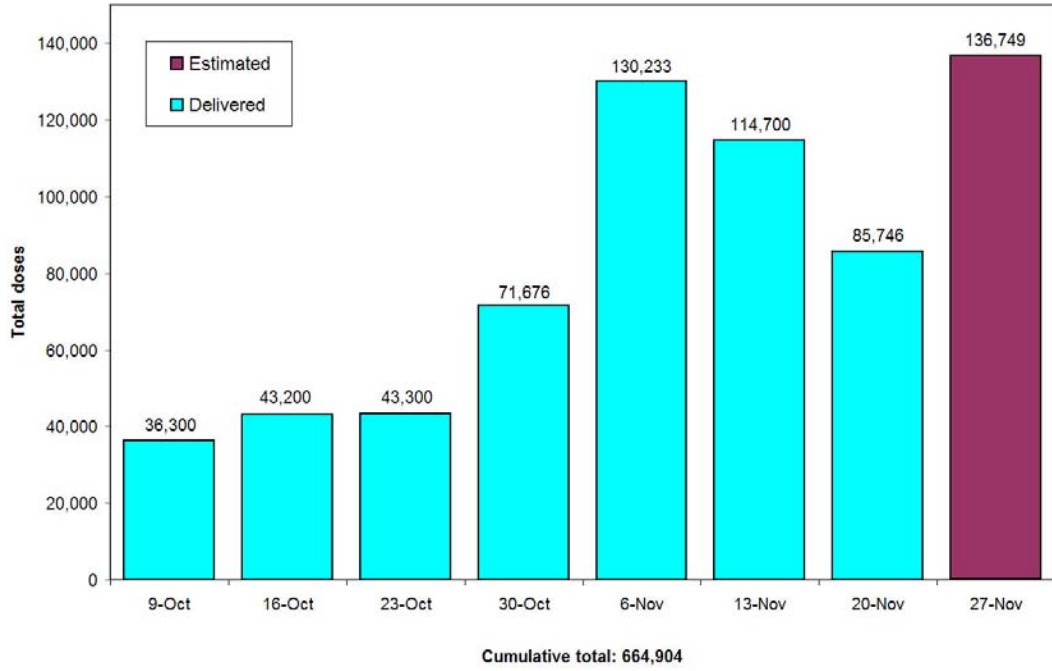
Oregon Public Health flu hotline at 1-800-978-3040 has added a team of specially trained nurses to answer medical questions related to flu, including how to care for someone who has the flu and when to see a doctor.

See the attached graphics for a visual of hospitalizations/deaths and vaccine delivery in Oregon. For more information on H1N1 flu and vaccines, call the Oregon Public Health Flu Hotline at 1-800-978-3040 or visit [www.flu.oregon.gov](http://www.flu.oregon.gov)

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**Oregon Public Health  
Amount of H1N1 vaccine delivered in Oregon by week**



**Oregon Influenza Hospitalizations and Deaths by Onset Date, Oregon,  
9/1/2009-11/14/2009**

