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2014 Flu Exercise Distributes Vaccine to Critical Public Safety Responders

The Williamson County and Cities Health District distributed 1400 doses of flu vaccine to first responder teams throughout Williamson County. The Flu Vaccine Exercise is a multi-agency county-wide effort that is coordinated annually to test WCCHD’s capability to quickly vaccinate/medicate critical personnel in response to an infectious disease incident such as Bio-Terrorism or pandemic influenza. WCCHD Clinical Preventive Services Director Marjie Riggio says, “By providing vaccinations to our police and fire departments, schools, and cities, we are ensuring our first responder teams are vaccinated so they can protect and serve the public throughout the current flu season.”

Flu vaccinations and supplies were distributed to the following agencies:

Fire Departments: Leander, Cedar Park, Georgetown, Florence, and Hutto

School Districts: Georgetown ISD, Liberty Hill ISD, Hutto ISD, Thrall ISD

Emergency Medical Services: Williamson County EMS

Cities: City of Round Rock

WCCHD will provide each agency with all of the supplies, paperwork, and vaccine needed to immunize their teams for the flu. A registered nurse or staff member at each agency’s office will administer the vaccine to their employees.

For more information about the 2014-15 flu season or for more information about the Williamson County and Cities Health District, go to www.wcchd.org.

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