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Columbia County Health Department Receives State Assets

Governor Paterson has asked the NYS Health Department to take the precautionary measure of ensuring that supplies of antiviral medicines are available to local health agencies should the situation change and these supplies be needed. On Wednesday the Department began shipping supplies of antiviral medicines to counties requesting them. So far, 51 of the 57 counties outside of New York City have requested shipments of Tamiflu and masks. Previously, the Department shipped 1,500 treatment courses to New York City to add to its supply.

CDC has provided New York State with 25 percent of its allotment of the Strategic National Stockpile of Tamiflu. Columbia County Health Department has received and safely stored our share of these assets. Collaboration with Columbia Memorial Hospital indicates that there is no lack of antivirals at the present time and no distribution is planned at this time.

New Yorkers with questions about swine flu can call the NYS Health Department's hotline at 1-800-808-1987. Columbia County residents can also call 828-1212 for Swine Flu information.

More information and resources are available on the NYS Health Department's Web site at www.nyhealth.gov/swineflu.