

## ***How Bad is the Flu Vaccine Shortage Across New York State?***

During a normal flu season, 10 to 20 percent of Americans contract the virus, with about 114,000 requiring hospitalization according to estimates of the Centers for Disease Control. Some 36,000 Americans and 2,400 New Yorkers die annually from the flu according to estimates of the New York State Department of Health. This year's flu strain, however, is far more virulent than normal and will likely send these numbers skyrocketing. This is why it is more important than ever for people, especially vulnerable populations like children and the elderly, to get flu shots. Unfortunately, drug makers have produced 11.1 million fewer doses of the flu vaccine this year than last year, making the flu shot in short supply across the country. *For a county-by-county breakdown of flu vaccine dosages remaining in New York county health departments, please see the following report.*

***The Capital Region:** County Health Departments across the Capital Region ordered 18,862 flu vaccines in 2003, but only 1,618 or 9% remain unused.*

<b>County</b>	<b>Vaccines Ordered</b>	<b>Vaccines Used</b>	<b>Vaccines Remaining</b>
Albany	5,000	4,000	1,000
Rensselaer	2,800	2,800	0
Schenectady	3,050	3,050	0
Saratoga	3,000	2,600	400
Fulton	400	396	4
Montgomery	600	562	38
Schoharie	1,500	1,385	115
Washington	2,312	2,251	61
<b>Capital Region</b>	<b>18,862</b>	<b>17,044</b>	<b>1,618</b>

*Central New York: County Health Departments across Central New York ordered 22,500 flu vaccines in 2003, but only 1,996 or 9% remain unused.*

<b>County</b>	<b>Vaccines Ordered</b>	<b>Vaccines Used</b>	<b>Vaccines Remaining</b>
Oneida	7,000	5,900	1,100
Oswego	4,000	4,000	0
Madison	3,200	3,000	200
Cortland	1,500	1,500	0
Onondaga	6,800	6,104	696
<b>Central New York</b>	<b>22,500</b>	<b>20,504</b>	<b>1,996</b>

*Rochester and the Finger Lakes: County Health Departments across Rochester and the Finger Lakes ordered 18,480 flu vaccines in 2003, but only 3,260 or 18% remain unused.*

<b>County</b>	<b>Vaccines Ordered</b>	<b>Vaccines Used</b>	<b>Vaccines Remaining</b>
Cayuga	2,500	2000	500
Seneca	1,000	900	100
Yates	1,480	1,430	50
Ontario	2,000	1,700	300
Wayne	1,700	1,650	50
Monroe	2,500	1,000	1,500
Livingston	2,800	2,300	500
Schuyler	1,500	1,240	260
Tompkins	3,000	3,000	0
<b>Finger Lakes</b>	<b>18,480</b>	<b>15,220</b>	<b>3,260</b>

*The Hudson Valley: County Health Departments across the Hudson Valley ordered 36,100 flu vaccines in 2003, but only 4,950 or 14% remain unused.*

<b>County</b>	<b>Vaccines Ordered</b>	<b>Vaccines Used</b>	<b>Vaccines Remaining</b>
Westchester	8,000	6,000	2,000
Rockland	9,000	8,400	600

Putnam	3,000	2,700	300
Dutchess	7,000	5,500	1,500
Ulster	1,700	1,650	50
Sullivan	1,100	950	150
Orange	2,500	2,500	0
Greene	1,000	1,000	0
Columbia	2,800	2,450	350
<b>Hudson Valley</b>	<b>36,100</b>	<b>31,150</b>	<b>4,950</b>

***The North Country:** County Health Departments across the North Country ordered 24,665 flu vaccines in 2003, but only 3,167 or 13% remain unused.*

<b>County</b>	<b>Vaccines Ordered</b>	<b>Vaccines Used</b>	<b>Vaccines Remaining</b>
Warren	3,000	3,000	0
Essex	2,650	2,535	115
Clinton	7,405	6,345	1,060
Franklin	1,500	1,350	150
Hamilton	700	650	50
Herkimer	1,700	1,458	242
Jefferson	3,000	1,800	1,200
Lewis	2,200	2,100	100
St Lawrence	2,500	2,250	250
<b>North Country</b>	<b>24,665</b>	<b>21,488</b>	<b>3,167</b>

***The Southern Tier:** County Health Departments across the Southern Tier ordered 19,560 flu vaccines in 2003, but only 2,752 or 14% remain unused.*

<b>County</b>	<b>Vaccines Ordered</b>	<b>Vaccines Used</b>	<b>Vaccines Remaining</b>
Delaware	100	65	35
Otsego	1,510	1,010	500
Chenango	850	850	0

Broome	4,200	3,500	700
Tioga	1,500	1,360	140
Chemung	900	400	500
Steuben	3,000	2,963	37
Allegany	7,500	6,660	840
<b>Southern Tier</b>	<b>19,560</b>	<b>16,808</b>	<b>2,752</b>

*Western New York: County Health Departments across Western New York ordered 15,675 flu vaccines in 2003, but only 1,237 or 8% remain unused.*

County	Vaccines Ordered	Vaccines Used	Vaccines Remaining
Orleans	880	530	350
Genesee	1,200	1,150	50
Wyoming	1,270	1,233	37
Erie	2,100*	2,000*	100*
Niagara	1,725	1,625	100
Cattaraugus	7,300	7,000	300
Chautauqua	1,200	900	300
<b>Western New York</b>	<b>15,675</b>	<b>14,438</b>	<b>1,237</b>

\*Please note: The Erie County Health Department only administers flu shots to county employees.

**Source:** Schumer Survey of County Health Departments Across New York, December 8-9, 2003.