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HEALTH ALERT

Hospital Bed Availability/Surge Capacity

The United States Department of Health and Human Services has requested information pertaining to the availability of hospital beds in North Dakota as part of the Hurricane Katrina recovery effort. The North Dakota Department of Health will be coordinating ND's response. Please send your responses to the following questions via e-mail to bvossler@state.nd.us by 3:00 p.m. CST, today, Sept. 21, 2005. Your response should include those beds for which you have adequate personnel.

A response is required. A valid response can also be 0 (zero) beds available at this time.

Hospital Name:

Hospital Location (City and County):

Number of ICU beds available:

Number of Pediatric beds available:

Number of Medical-Surgical beds available:

Number of other beds available:

Total number of beds available:

24/7 Hospital Contact Person for communication regarding placement of Hurricane Katrina victims needing hospitalization:

Phone number #1:

Phone number #2:

Phone number #3:

e-mail address:

This is not an exercise.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Brenda Vossler at 701.328.2748 or bvossler@state.nd.us.

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- *Health Advisory provides important information for a specific incident or situation; may not require immediate action.*
- *Health Update provides updated information regarding an incident or situation; no immediate action necessary.*
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This message is being sent to hospital bioterrorism coordinators, infection control nurses, and hospital administrators.