



JULY 16, 2007

HEALTH ALERT

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North Dakota Department of Health Preparing to Distribute Pandemic Influenza Vaccine

On July 16, 2007, the North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) was notified they would be receiving a limited shipment of pandemic influenza vaccine in the state within 48 hours. The exact amount of vaccine is unknown at this time but the NDDoH believes the quantities will be small. There should be sufficient quantity to provide all regions with some vaccine. More information will be provided when the NDDoH becomes aware of the actual amounts of vaccine. The CDC indicates the vaccine should be administered within 48 hours.

The NDDoH will conduct a situational briefing for public health and hospital staff. The briefing will occur tomorrow morning (July 17, 2007) at 8:15 A.M. on the Health Alert Network Video Conference system and the Hospital BTWAN system.

Categories of Health Alert messages:

- *Health Alert conveys the highest level of importance; warrants immediate action or attention.*
- *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.*
- *Health Information provides general information that is not necessarily considered to be of an emergent nature.*

This message is being sent to local public health units, clinics, hospitals, physicians, tribal health, North Dakota Nurses Association, North Dakota Long Term Care Association, North Dakota Healthcare Association, North Dakota Medical Association, and hospital public information officers.

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