



MARCH 20, 2006

HEALTH ALERT

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Earthquake Near Provo, Utah

The North Dakota Department of Health has received information from the State Operations Center (SOC) of an earthquake near Provo, Utah.

At 4:37a.m. today the United States Geological Survey's National Earthquake Information Center detected a tremor near Provo, Utah. This tremor measured 3.2 on the Richter scale. The epicenter was located three miles northwest of Heber City, Utah, approximately 25 miles northeast of Provo, Utah.

The North Dakota Department of Health will be holding videoconferences this morning (March 20) to provide further information for public health and hospitals in North Dakota. Videoconferences will be held as follows:

10a.m. CST – Public Health Units

11a.m. CST – Hospitals

If any location DOES NOT want to participate in the video conference please notify us at 701.328.1331 or e-mail lellison@state.nd.us .

If you have any questions, please contact the Emergency Preparedness and Response Section at 701.328.2270.

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- *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, North Dakota EMS Association and hospital public information officers.