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TO: Medical Control Authorities

FROM: Robin M. Shivley, Manager
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RE: Information Related to H1N1

In October, I sent out two protocols related to H1N1 and Immunizations. In addition to the two protocols, I included the most up-to-date Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidance document.

With the assistance of Dr. Fales, Dr. Edwards, the Michigan Association of Ambulance Services and the Michigan Society of EMS Instructor-Coordinators, two educational modules were completed related to H1N1. These two educational modules have been placed on the MI-EMSIS website which is located at the following address: <https://elearn.mi-emsis.org>

To get to the course, individuals will need to do the following:

- Click Login (located in the upper-right corner of the page)
- Returning users need to enter their username and password
- New users need to click Create new account button
- Once the individual gets to My eLearn (Overview of my courses), they need to:
 - Click on Statewide Course
 - Click on course: H1N1

Upon completion of this course, individuals will be awarded 2 continuing education credits: 1 preparatory and 1 operations.

In addition to these courses being offered on-line, the Michigan Association of Ambulance Services will be conducting a session, in collaboration with the Michigan Center for Rural Health, on November 17, 2009 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. To register, please contact Crystal Barth, Michigan Center for Rural Health at 517-432-0006 or crystal.barth@hc.msu.edu

MAAS will also be scheduling additional webinars and face-to-face sessions in the very near future. Please look for upcoming dates on our website.

Finally, these educational modules, along with the protocols, are on the EMS website at: www.michigan.gov/ems (a CD has also been included with this information).

To keep informed on the ever changing guidance related to H1N1, I encourage you to periodically review the CDC website at: <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidance>

On another issue related to H1N1, I have enclosed a document developed by the Michigan Department of Community Health, Office of Public Health Preparedness titled “Prioritized Respirator Use Mode”. Due to scarce resources and in anticipation of a long flu season, this document is extremely important. It highlights implementation strategies, tactics, and approaches that each facility should consider specific to an overall respiratory protection program associated with H1N1 and the gap between supply and demand. In the face of N95 shortages, your facility should be implementing the prioritized respirator use mode as outlined in the CDC Interim Guidance on Infection Control. I encourage you to be familiar with this document.

For updated information, please check our website at: www.michigan.gov/ems. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at rmshivl@michigan.gov