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MEMORANDUM

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents and Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent,
Michigan Department of Education

Jacqueline Scott, Director, Office of Public Health Preparedness,
Michigan Department of Community Health

SUBJECT: Fall 2009 H1N1 School Building Supplies

As you are probably well aware, the State of Michigan is preparing for a resurgence of the 2009 novel influenza A (H1N1) virus. The virus has been shown to affect school-aged children disproportionately, and children are known to be highly likely to efficiently transmit flu viruses. The State of Michigan has developed several resources for use in school buildings.

The Michigan Departments of Community Health (MDCH) and Education (MDE) have partnered to purchase some essential influenza supplies. We are packaging these into "influenza kits" which will contain the following:

- Either one digital ear thermometer or disposable forehead thermometers
- 120 disposable single-use sleeves if you receive a digital thermometer
- 200 over-the-ear face masks

In the coming weeks, MDCH will be shipping you one influenza kit for each school building in your service area. We ask that you distribute these kits to the schools in your districts.

In addition to the influenza kits, MDCH and MDE have also developed infection control posters for each school. The posters were designed to be age appropriate for elementary, middle, and high school audiences — and will be delivered directly to all Intermediate School Districts, Local Education Agency schools, Public School Academies, Nonpublic Schools, ancillary facilities, and State of Michigan facilities. You can view the school posters, and other important H1N1 influenza information, at the state's premiere H1N1 influenza website: www.michigan.gov/h1n1flu.

If you have any questions regarding the resources mentioned above, please feel free to contact the Office of Public Health Preparedness' risk communication team at (517) 353-8150.

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