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MEMORANDUM

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

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SUBJECT: Fall 2009 H1N1 School Building Supplies

In October 2009, the Michigan Departments of Community Health (MDCH) and Education (MDE) partnered to purchase some essential influenza supplies. The MDCH Office of Public Health Preparedness packaged these supplies into "influenza kits" which contained thermometers, over-the-ear face masks, and guidance documents.

Although it was our intention in October 2009 to provide one digital ear thermometer for each school building, a supplier backorder prohibited that effort. The State of Michigan received the backordered thermometers in mid-January 2010. Therefore, in the near future, you will receive packages containing at least one digital ear thermometer and accompanying disposable single-use sleeves. We ask that you please forward these packages to each of the buildings in your jurisdiction.

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. 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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