


MEMORANDUM

TO: All DFCS Staff

FROM: Mark A. Washington, DHS Assistant Commissioner
Division of Family and Children Services 

DATE: August 26, 2009

SUBJECT: Pandemic Influenza Preparedness/Information

The Division of Family and Children Services is committed to working closely with the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in preparing for the potential pandemic influenza (H1N1 Flu Virus).

Aligned with our ongoing effort to proactively communicate critical information to staff and those we serve, attached is a Pandemic Influenza Information and Preparedness Fact Sheet. Please post this sheet in the public areas of your facility/department. To ensure the awareness and communication of accurate and reliable information, I encourage all employees to review the information provided by the following resources.

- ✓ The Official Pandemic Flu Website: www.pandemicflu.gov
- ✓ The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Hotline: 1-800-CDC-INFO (1-800-232-4636). Information is available in both English and Spanish languages 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. TTY: 1-888-232-6348.

In the weeks to come, additional communiqués addressing the potential H1N1 Flu Virus – inclusive of Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG) – will be disseminated to all Regional Directors, County Directors, and Section Directors. The SOG will provide DFCS-specific information and serve as an assistance tool for updating existing disaster preparedness plans.

If you have questions in the interim, feel free to contact any member of our DFCS Emergency Management Team:

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