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HEALTH ALERT PRIORITY #265

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HEALTH ALERT PRIORITY: HERDS Activation: Haiti Medical Evacuation

Please distribute immediately to Hospital Administrators, Admission Office Directors and Health Emergency Response Data System (HERDS) Coordinators

The Erie County Department of Health has been made aware that the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) has activated a *Health Emergency Response Data System (HERDS)* survey. NYSDOH is trying to be proactive in the event that medical evacuees from Haiti are brought to New York State.

At this time, NYSDOH is not aware of any evacuations to New York State.

Please have your facility HERDS Coordinator go on to the Health Provider Network and complete the survey.

To enter data, click on **Enter / Update Health Survey Data** and choose the Reporting Event named **Haiti Medical Evacuation Bed Availability** for your facility.

Additional information - including contact info for support - can be found on the Message page within the survey.

Hospitals are asked to complete the survey and submit the data **by 3:00 PM today (Feb. 1, 2010)**.

Health Category Definitions:

Health Alert FLASH: conveys the highest level of importance due to a large-scale, catastrophic public health emergency; warrants immediate action or attention

Health Alert Priority: conveys the highest level of importance; warrants immediate action or attention to a health problem or situation

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