

# For Health Professionals

## Health Alerts

### **Health Alert Priority #100 - Anticipated Increase in Diarrheal Illness Related to East Aurora Field Days - September 10, 2004**

The Erie County Department of Health, Bureau of Disease Control / Epidemiology is currently investigating a large food outbreak related to the East Aurora Firemen's Labor Day Field Days. This event was held on Monday, September 6th at the East Aurora Fire Grounds. In order to identify all potential cases the Erie County Department of Health is requesting the following of Emergency Departments and private physicians:

Any patients meeting the following criteria should be considered a potential case of this outbreak:

- Onset of diarrheal disease on or after September 6, 2004
- AND
- Attendance at the East Aurora Firemen's Labor Day Field Days

Please obtain a stool specimen from any patients meeting these criteria. Clinicians should request a stool culture. Laboratory testing should be performed by private laboratories (i.e. Quest, Kaleida) whenever possible. Otherwise, physicians may contact the Erie County Health Department (716) 858-7697 to arrange for testing to be performed by the Erie County Public Health Lab.

Please document the patient's name, phone number, and address. Also, the names of persons associated with each potential case (those who attended the event but did NOT become ill) should be documented as well.

Private physicians should contact the Erie County Department of Health on Monday after 8:30 AM at (716) 858-7697.

Emergency Department personnel should report this information to MERS with the daily Emergency Department Surveillance, or call MERS at (716) 898-3696. (Please provide MERS with the patient's name, telephone number, and address.)