



County of Erie

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HEALTH ALERT PRIORITY #225

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CENTRALIZATION OF RABIES PREVENTION PROGRAM

Please distribute to immediately to all Emergency Departments, Physicians, Law Enforcement Agencies, Emergency Dispatch Centers, Animal Control Officers, and Veterinarians

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

ERIE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE CENTRALIZED THE **RABIES PREVENTION PROGRAM. THERE WILL BE ONE PHONE # **716-961-6800** TO REPORT ALL ANIMAL BITES, SCRATCHES, CONTACT WITH NERVOUS SYSTEM OR SALIVA AND BAT ENCOUNTERS.**

The previous phone #'s and locations will no longer be available for this purpose.

All specimens submitted for rabies testing will be shipped from:

Erie County Health Department

Vector Control Program

462 Grider Street, Room BB-122

Buffalo, NY 14215

Please make all necessary changes to your contact lists.

If you have and questions please contact

Peter J. Tripi at 716-961-7524.

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