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TO: School District Superintendents

FROM: Dr. Gerald Maas
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DATE: June 15, 2007

SUBJECT: Planning for Pandemic Influenza

INFORMATION TO SHARE

The purpose of this correspondence is to provide you with information to include in your district planning for the pandemic flu. It has been determined that the state medical officer (or his designee or local county health officer) has the authority to order that schools be closed to protect the health, safety, or welfare of students, teachers, and other employees.

We recommend that all districts review their crisis management plans and add a section for pandemic influenza and/or widespread illness. This would facilitate the use of all previous planning efforts and would avoid duplication of effort.

The Albany County Health Department has put together a set of comprehensive planning tools to encourage readiness for the pandemic flu and other such disasters. These tools will be mailed out to districts under separate cover and will be helpful for planning for the pandemic flu or other emergencies.

If you have questions regarding any information in this memorandum, please contact me at 307.777.6282 or gmaas@educ.state.wy.us or Pat Fetsco at 307.777.6281 or pfetsc@educ.state.wy.us.

GM/rs