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To: Nebraska Clinical Laboratories

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RE: Influenza Preparedness Information

As a result of requests to provide pandemic influenza educational material to clinical laboratories, the Nebraska Public Health Laboratory (NPHL) applied for and received an educational grant provided by the Association of Public Health Laboratories. For this purpose we utilized presentations given by the NPHL at the 2007 Center for Biopreparedness Education's Symposia which were used to educate clinical laboratory staff on topics of seasonal, avian, pandemic influenza, diagnostic testing for influenza, as well as issues that local laboratories may face during a pandemic situation. Please note that all hospital laboratories in Nebraska will receive these educational materials. Our second reason for distributing these requested presentations was to provide reference materials for laboratories when they have questions about influenza testing.

There are two types of discs that contain the same presentational material. One disc, labeled "DVD", can be played in home DVD players or in computers capable of playing DVDs. The other disc, labeled Windows Media Player "WMV", can be played in computers that have Windows Media Player installed.

Presentation	Presenter
Influenza 101: Understanding the problem...	Tony Sambol, Assistant Director, NPHL
Understanding Diagnostic Testing for Influenza	Bob Wickert, Molecular Microbiologist, NPHL
Understanding the Impact of Pandemic Influenza on the Clinical Laboratory	Josh Rowland, State Training Coordinator, NPHL

Also included is a CD-ROM disc labeled "Supplemental Influenza Preparedness Information". This disc contains information necessary for you to receive continuing education units (CEUs) for watching one or more of the above programs. The disc also contains each of the PowerPoint presentations, Adobe PDF formatted handout copies of the presentations (so that you can easily print them), as well as a "key points" handout for each of the programs. Also included is the software necessary for viewing the materials (PowerPoint viewer, Word viewer, and Adobe Reader).

If you are interested in pursuing the CEU credits, you must successfully complete a quiz for each program you have viewed. Prior to viewing the program, we advise that you print a presentation handout from the "Supplemental Influenza Preparedness Information" disc as well as the corresponding "key points" document. After viewing the program, go to http://www.nphl.org/influenza_prepinfo.html and scroll down to the *Influenza Preparedness Continuing Education Unit (CEU) Information* section to download the program quiz. Submit the completed quiz via fax to 402-559-7799. Responses with a grade of 70% or greater, you will receive a CEU certificate via email. Each program is worth one (1) continuing education unit.

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