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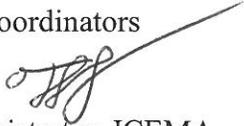
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TO: Hospital CEOs, ED Directors, ED Managers and PLNs
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SUBJECT: REDDINET POLLS

In preparation for what appears to be a severe influenza season, we are requiring all hospitals to update the HAvBED and Epidemiology Polls every twelve (12) hours until further notice. The polls must be updated at 1000 and 2200 hours each day.

The purpose of the updates is to assist us in monitoring the health system status in response to the current influenza outbreak. In anticipation for the potential increase of patients presenting to emergency departments, and subsequent inpatients, we are planning for the potential activation of the County Surge Plan.

As the Medical and Health Operational Area Coordinators (MHOAC) for San Bernardino County, we have a statutory responsibility (as specified in the Health and Safety Code Section §1797.153) to assess the needs for medical commodities within the Operational Area (OA) and requesting support for shortfalls via the Mutual Aid system.

Hospitals not updating the polls will be contacted individually by the MHOAC and/or designees.

If you have any questions, please contact the ICEMA Duty Officer at (909) 208-8618 or via e-mail at ICEMADutyOfficer@cao.sbcounty.gov.

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