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TO: PESH - ALL STAFF
Directive A10-4

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SUBJECT: Enforcement Procedures for Occupational Exposure to H1N1 Influenza.

Purpose: This instruction cancels PESH State Directive A10-1, Enforcement Procedure and Scheduling for Occupational Exposure to H1N1 Influenza. The CDC has updated its guidelines and recommendations for the H1N1 virus into "Prevention Strategies for Seasonal Influenza in Healthcare Settings"

http://www.cdc.gov/flu/pdf/infectioncontrol_seasonalflu_ICU2010.pdf .

Changes outlined in this document include but are not limited to when respiratory protection is required to be worn and the type of workplaces covered. The primary change is that the H1N1 virus will now be treated as all other influenza viruses. There is no longer a requirement that school nurses wear N-95 respirators when evaluating a student who is suspected of having the flu. In healthcare settings an N-95 respirator or better will still be required for any procedure that is considered aerosol-generating and being conducted on a person suspected or confirmed to have the flu.

Cancellation: PESH Staff Directive A10-1

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