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TO: All EMS Providers & Partners

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RE: **H1N1 Informational Power Point, Guidelines for 9-1-1 Call Centers /
PSAP's / Private Dispatch Centers, N95 Mask Re-Use**

H1N1 Informational Power Point

The National Association of EMS Officials has created and released an educational presentation on the H1N1 Virus. It will be posted on our pandemic website at <http://pandemic.wisconsin.gov/> as well as our EMS website <http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/ems> and can also be found at <http://www.nasemsd.org/Resources/PandemicInfluenza.asp>. This is a very good instructional presentation and we encourage all services to use it to familiarize your staff to what is the H1N1 and its pandemic implications (see attached).

Guidelines for 9-1-1 Call Centers / PSAP's / Private Dispatch Centers

In the midst of this H1N1 outbreak, we have developed guidelines for 9-1-1 Call Centers, PSAP's, and Private Dispatch Centers. This is a general guideline for dispatch to use to better handle calls and resources. It has been approved by the Department to be used during this public health emergency (see attached).

N95 Mask Re-Use

In this public health emergency N95 masks have been the main stay of protection. Many hospitals are stating that this resource is diminishing and suppliers have seen a marked increase in demand with increased delay in shipping. In response to these problems the department has issued a re-use policy for these masks. We are not encouraging the re-use of N95 masks under this policy unless you have a supply problem within your department (see attached).