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Influenza Impact Assessment Survey – Nursing Homes

Dear Administrator:

The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) has developed a brief survey to assess and monitor the impact of influenza on the operations of the nursing homes in New York State. The *Influenza Impact Assessment Survey – Nursing Homes* is focused on obtaining information on the facility's status in the following areas: staff illness; current supplies of antiviral medications; the ability to restock these medications; the ability of the nursing home to receive visitors, accept new or post hospital stay and residents returning to the facility; and any other issues the nursing homes may wish to report.

This survey has been activated in the HERDS application on the NYSDOH Health Commerce System (HCS). (<https://commerce.health.state.ny.us>).

Please assign staff from your facility to complete this survey **no later than January 14, 2015**. Questions regarding the survey may be forwarded to Debra Sottolano at the following email address: debra.sottolano@health.ny.gov.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and prompt response.

Sincerely,



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