

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



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Dear Long Term Care Providers,

Welcome to the 2006-2007 Influenza & Pneumococcal Season. The reporting season will begin 9/15/06-3/31/07 for Influenza Immunizations and 9/15/06- 9/14/07 for Pneumococcal. To assist your staff in data record keeping and collection we have developed the following materials included in your work folder.

Please begin collecting data each week and submit the report form by fax by the following Thursday. Enclosed you will find your 2006- 2007 Long Term Care Annual Influenza & Pneumococcal Immunization Workfolder which should include the items listed below. If anything is missing, please let me know.

1. 2006-2007 Long Term Care Annual Influenza & Pneumococcal Immunization Record for Staff & Residents
2. Directions for determining eligibility
3. Influenza Institutional Outbreaks
4. Immunization and Pneumococcal Informational Resource List

At the conclusion of the influenza and Pneumococcal season 6/30/07, we will ask you to return your work folder (make a copy for your records) to us.

If you need assistance or have any questions, please call me at 401-222-7906. I look forward to working with you this season.

For current state and national updates and information on influenza and Pneumococcal disease, prevention and training, visit www.health.ri.gov (Health Topics) and the CDC website at: <http://www.cdc.gov> (Diseases and Conditions).

Sincerely,

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