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MEMORANDUM

To: Hospital Chief Executive Officer, Long-Term Acute Care Hospital Executive Officer, Long-Term Care Facility Executive Officer, Independent or Free-Standing Laboratory Director

CC: Long-Term Care Director of Nursing or Designate, Facility Infection Preventionist, Facility Quality Director, Hospital-Affiliated Clinical Laboratory Director, Medical Director of the Illinois Department of Public Health, CRE Detect and Protect Campaign Sponsors

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Subject: Invitation to Participate in the Illinois CRE Detect and Protect Campaign

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) is launching a statewide education campaign to promote practices that prevent carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE) infections. **Acute care hospitals, long-term acute care hospitals, long-term care facilities, and independent or free-standing laboratories are invited to sign up to participate in the CRE Detect and Protect Campaign.**

CRE are extensively drug-resistant organisms (XDROs) with few antibiotic treatment options that can kill up to half of patients with bloodstream infections. Therefore, IDPH will be working with healthcare facilities and laboratories to adopt the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention strategy of detecting CRE and protecting patients through appropriate infection control and prevention measures.

During the CRE Detect and Protect Campaign, IDPH will provide educational materials and a series of five webinars on CRE prevention and use of the XDRO registry (XDRO.org), which is a tool for reporting CRE isolates to IDPH and sharing patient information across facilities. A statewide CRE Task Force of infectious disease and infection prevention experts will guide the campaign.

If your facility would like to participate in this campaign, please have an authorized executive sign and return the attached form by Friday, March 14, 2014. Independent or free-standing laboratories are encouraged to sign up, as there will be educational content directed specifically towards laboratories. Hospital-affiliated laboratories should be included under their facility's participation agreement and do not need to submit a separate form.

We are excited to kick off the CRE Detect and Protect Campaign and hope that you will join us as a partner in CRE prevention. If you have questions, please contact CRE Project Directors Robynn Leidig (312-814-1631; Robynn.Leidig@illinois.gov) or Angela Tang (312-814-6226; Angela.Tang@illinois.gov).



Illinois CRE Detect and Protect Campaign

Participation Form – Healthcare Facilities and Independent Laboratories

In March 2014, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) will launch a statewide education campaign to promote practices that prevent carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE). **We encourage acute care hospitals, long-term acute care hospitals, long-term care facilities, and independent or free-standing laboratories to sign up to participate in the campaign.**

Why should my facility participate?

- CRE are extensively drug-resistant organisms (XDROs) that can spread quickly and have been increasingly detected among patients in Illinois.
- CRE prevention will result in better outcomes for your patients and reduced healthcare costs.
- You will have the chance to learn from other healthcare facilities, labs, and CRE experts committed to this issue.
- Your facility will be listed on the campaign website in recognition of your commitment to improving patient care.

What are the requirements for participants?

- Attend CRE Detect and Protect webinars. This is a series of five webinars that will be led by infectious disease and infection prevention experts from March – July 2014. Labs are asked to attend one webinar on lab testing and surveillance, but are welcome to attend other sessions.
- Obtain access and sign in to the XDRO registry, even if no CRE have been detected at the facility.

As an authorized executive, my signature below indicates that my facility agrees to be a participant of the IDPH CRE Detect and Protect Campaign.

Printed Name

Signature & Date

Title

Facility Name

Facility type: Acute care hospital Long-term acute care hospital
 Skilled nursing home Other long-term care facility
 Independent or free-standing laboratory

Please provide information for the point-of-contact at your facility for the campaign:

Name & Title

E-mail & Phone Number

Thank you for your participation in this important initiative! Please email or fax the completed form by Friday, March 14, 2014 to Angela Tang, CRE Project Director, and direct any questions to the same:

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