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To: Private Child Placing Agencies
Residential Care Center Providers
Group Home Providers
Shelter Care Providers

From: Ron Hermes, Director 
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RE: Important Influenza Information

The Department of Children and Families is encouraging providers to review the Wisconsin Department of Public Health website regarding influenza information. The WI Division of Public Health's Influenza website <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/influenza/index.htm> contains important and late-breaking information about influenza including an item titled, "***Influenza Risk to Pregnant Women***". On December 6, 2012, Jeffrey P. Davis, MD, Chief Medical Officer and State Epidemiologist for Communicable Diseases and Emergency Response within the WI Division of Public Health, issued a letter stressing the importance of vaccinating pregnant women against influenza.

The Department of Children and Families is recommending that all children in out-of-home care over the age of 6 months obtain an influenza shot. For additional information on influenza, contact the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/season/current.htm>

If you have any questions, please contact your licensing specialist.

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