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ALS Practitioners,

I hope this letter finds you healthy.

We are experiencing a new era in EMS, where we have the opportunity to partner with Public Health Offices in the prevention of illness. We, as ALS Practitioners, have been given an opportunity to assist in administering the A H1N1 Vaccine in Mass Vaccination Sites.

We are currently recruiting ALS Practitioners interested in assisting in this endeavor who have met the following:

1. Must complete the application and forward it to Ernie Powell at epowell@ehsf.org or fax 717-774-6163.
2. Must complete the LMS program "Paramedic H1N1 Vaccine Administration" course number 004650 and forward the certificate of completion to epowell@ehsf.org or fax to 717-774-6163.
3. Must complete a "Skills verification form" signed by a physician and forwarded to Ernie at epowell@ehsf.org or fax 717-774-6163.

We recommend that you visit the site listed below and become familiar with the listed documents as well.
http://www.dsf.health.state.pa.us/health/cwp/view.asp?a=170&q=253872

Once the above is completed, the Emergency Health Services Federation (EHSF) will submit these forms to the Bureau of EMS (BEMS) for approval. When the District Health Office (DHO) needs assistance, they will contact their local Regional EMS Council (EHSF) for assistance and EHSF will begin to contact those ALS Practitioners who have been approved.

It is imperative that you complete and submit these items as soon as possible to epowell@ehsf.org or fax to 717-774-6163. Please understand that by completing these documents this does not guarantee that you will be contacted.

It is noteworthy that we are still working through details such as, a possible twenty dollar an hour stipend for those who are able to assist. As more information is confirmed, we will disseminate this to you. We are working with the EMS County Council Presidents and the ALS managers (that are participating) as well, to ensure the EMS System remains intact.

If you should have any question, please free to contact me; email is best.

Thank you for your time and effort, I look forward to receiving your documents.

Respectfully

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