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Dear Local Health Director, Health Officer, Board of Health Chair or Member

We are pleased to announce that the revision of the 2006 *Guide to Surveillance, Reporting and Control* has begun.

The *Guide to Surveillance and Reporting* was developed to assist local boards of health with specific surveillance, response, and reporting responsibilities for infectious diseases reportable to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Each chapter is disease specific and contains general information about the disease, as well as control recommendations and reporting requirements.

Please note that the *Guide* will no longer be available in hard copy and will be accessible on-line via our website and MAVEN. Each disease chapter will be revised as necessary and include a date of revision.

Local public health plays the key role in the state's infectious disease surveillance system. We appreciate the critical importance of your efforts to investigate and control diseases in your communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alfred DeMaria, Jr.".

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