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HEALTH ALERT PRIORITY #311

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HOSPITAL AND PRE-HOSPITAL OPERATIONS TO RETURN TO NORMAL PROTOCOLS

Please distribute immediately to all Emergency Departments and all Pre-hospital Care Transport Agencies

Following the deactivation of the Erie County Emergency Operations Center, expiration of all driving bans in Erie County, and the pending expiration of all local emergency declarations; Dr. Gale R. Burstein, Erie County Commissioner of Health hereby advises that;

Effective Immediately:

- All hospitals in Erie County return to normal operations.
- All pre-hospital care transport agencies return to normal operations for both emergent and non-emergent patient transports.

Please direct any questions regarding this Alert to the Erie County Office of Emergency Medical Services at 716-681-6070.

Health Category Definitions:

Health Alert FLASH: conveys the highest level of importance due to a large-scale, catastrophic public health emergency; warrants immediate action or attention

Health Alert Priority: conveys the highest level of importance; warrants immediate action or attention to a health problem or situation

Health Advisory: provides important information for a specific incident or situation; may not require immediate action

Health Update: provides updated information regarding an incident or situation; no immediate action necessary

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