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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **Health Commissioner Dr. Gale Burstein**

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### **UPDATE: ERIE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ON MULTISTATE FUNGAL MENINGITIS OUTBREAK**

**ERIE COUNTY, NY**— The Erie County Department of Health (“ECDOH”) is issuing this update in response to the nationwide outbreak of fungal meningitis among patients who received potentially contaminated epidural steroid injections. None of the contaminated product was shipped to Erie County, and there have been no confirmed or suspected cases of fungal meningitis in Erie County. Additionally, there are no confirmed or suspected cases of fungal meningitis in New York State to date.

The New York State Department of Health (“NYSDOH”) is encouraging all media inquiries regarding the meningitis outbreak be directed to Jeffrey Hammond at the NYSDOH Public Affairs Office at 518-474-7354, ext. 1.

Please visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) website for the latest information on the multistate meningitis outbreak at:

<http://www.cdc.gov/HAI/outbreaks/meningitis.html>

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