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TO: Executive Board
Indiana State Department of Health

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SUBJECT: Readoption of Emergency Rule for the Reporting of Severe
Staphylococcus Aureus – Additional 90-day reporting

The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) Commission of Public Health and Preparedness requests the Executive Board, at the Board's September 10, 2008 meeting, readopt the emergency rule establishing a reporting of severe cases of Staphylococcus aureus infection for an additional 90 days. The proposed emergency rule is needed to establish a surveillance method for tracking and investigating severe cases of Staphylococcus aureus infection. Data collected will help determine the burden of disease and antibiotic resistance trends. The current emergency rule will expire on September 28, 2008, unless readopted.

The requirements of this rule have been incorporated into the Communicable Disease Reporting Rule, which is before the Board today for final adoption. The reporting requirements will become permanent at the time the Communicable Disease Reporting Rule is approved by the Attorney General and signed by the Governor.