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Dear Dr. Kavanagh:

This correspondence is to acknowledge receipt of your request for "aggregate data on healthcare acquired infection and multidrug resistant outbreaks" reported by healthcare facilities plus "any other pertinent aggregate data which you have regarding hospital acquired infections, healthcare acquired infection and multiple resistant drug organisms", dated and received on October 21, 2010, by the Division of Epidemiology and Health Planning via fax (original received in mail on Friday, October 22, 2010.)

The Department for Public Health has reviewed your request. Not all data that you requested are available. Specifically, the department is not able to provide aggregate numbers of healthcare facility-reported outbreaks which were due to organisms that were present on admission, because the data are not sorted in that way.

However, for the period of a year, we do have total numbers of outbreaks reported from healthcare facilities, by type of confirmed or suspected organism. That information will be available to be sent to you by Monday, November 1, 2010.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (502)564-3418 ext 3570.

Sincerely,

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