



JOHNSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

dedicated to the prevention of disease and promotion of wellness for our community.

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GET READY DAY

(OLATHE, KS – **SEPTEMBER 15, 2008**) Johnson County Health Department and Johnson County Emergency Management urges our community to observe “Get Ready Day 2008” on September 16, 2008 by preparing themselves and their families for all hazards they may face, including pandemic flu and other emerging infectious diseases.

“Support of “Get Ready Day” is one example of Johnson County’s overall emergency preparedness” states Dr. Leon Vinci, Health Director, Johnson County Health Department. “Get Ready Day” on September 16th helps to make Johnson County a Community Prepared!” For more local information, visit www.jocoprepared.org.

Information about readiness will be available at the Johnson County Administration Building (first floor), 111 S. Cherry, Olathe, KS and at the Northeast Office Building (main lobby), 6000 Lamar, Mission, KS September 16, 2008 from 11am – 2pm.

There are three simple and effective things you can do to be prepared for any disaster. They are:

- Have an emergency preparedness kit ready
- Create a family communications plan
- Be informed

Your emergency kit should include one gallon of water per person per day and plenty of non-perishable foods. Keep an emergency contact list for family, friends or others that might need your care. Listen for health/weather/all hazard information on the radio or television.

For additional fact sheets and information go to www.getreadyforflu.org or www.ready.gov.

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