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Subject: FW: Epi-Aid request [CONFIDENTIAL]

Please see the LOI below for the Kansas epi-Aid. We are working on getting the epi-1 cleared and the OMB package has been forwarded to you today. Let us know if we are missing anything.

Best,

Rachel

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Dear Dr. Smith,

This letter serves as a request for a CDC EIS Epi-Aid to assist Kansas in the investigation of a potential cluster of mucormycosis cases at the [REDACTED] Hospital in Kansas City, Kansas. On 26 November 2014 Kansas Department of Health and Environment was notified by the [REDACTED] Hospital about a cluster of four cases of rhinocerebral mucormycosis one case of pulmonary mucormycosis among patients undergoing bone marrow transplant. Historically, mucormycosal infections have been rare among the population of interest.

The objectives of the investigation include:

- Conduct case-finding
- Determine if a significantly higher number of infections has occurred as compared to historical baseline
- Characterize epidemiological and clinical aspects of case patients, including exposures of interest
- Conduct an epidemiological study (most likely case-control) to evaluate potential association between exposures and cases
- Provide recommendations for preventive measures and remediation

Due to the potentially sensitive nature of this situation, I request that the name of the hospital be held confidential at this point, and not be included in an Epi-X posting or other public documents at this time. Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to working with you further on this investigation.

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