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Health Care Facilities Taking Precautionary Actions during Flood

FARGO, N.D. (March 24, 2009) – Fargo Cass Public Health is working closely with local health care facilities to assure the safety of patients during the current flood. Given the current crest predictions, FCPH has advised health care facilities to initiate measures to decrease patient census in preparation for the possible need for patient relocation. Such measures may include postponing elective procedures, exploring options for discharge and possible short-term family care.

FCPH Health Officer John Baird says that FCPH and area health care facilities are doing what's best for patients "The welfare of our patients and residents is our greatest concern. In the event of an evacuation of health care facilities, we would like to safely move the fewest number of patients. We appreciate the cooperation of local health care facilities."

Fargo Cass Public Health will be coordinating with the North Dakota State Health Department to facilitate relocation of patients if necessary.

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