

Dear State School Nurse Association President or State Department of Education Representative,

I am writing to follow up on the study conducted last year with school nurses in your organization or state. Once again, I would like to thank each of you for assisting in recruiting school nurses to the study. The study was a huge success! In all, almost 2,000 school nurses from across the U.S. participated in the study and a lot of critical information was gathered in the process.

I am attaching the first publication summarizing results from the study that focused on school preparedness for biological events. That article was published September 1st in the American Journal of Infection Control, and was the "press release" article for that issue of the journal (which is why I haven't sent the article prior to its release; I was restricted by journal rules). A second manuscript summarizing other results from the study (namely, schools' experiences during the H1N1 pandemic) is still under review at a journal. As soon as it is published, I will send the final article to you all.

I am currently in the process of developing an intervention study to improve school preparedness for biological events. I will be seeking grant funding for that project some time this fall or spring. If any of you have any suggestions for the study in terms of the interventions to consider, methodological issues to consider, or funding sources for this project, please let me know. I would love to have some collaborators on the project.

Please let me know if you have any questions about the article or the study. Thank you again for assisting in recruiting school nurses to the study.

Warm regards,
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