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Dear Community and Business Leader:

Please accept this invitation to join us at the *New Jersey and the Pandemic Challenge*, a one-day summit of national, state and local leaders on Wednesday, May 31, 2006, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at **Rutgers University, Douglass College**, in New Brunswick.

The goal of the summit is to raise awareness about pandemic influenza, its potential impact, and New Jersey's readiness to meet the demands of a large-scale outbreak. We do not know when a pandemic will occur, or how severe it will be, but private citizens, community leaders, businesses and government officials should prepare and understand the implications of a pandemic.

U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Michael Leavitt and other federal, state and local officials will be participating in the summit. Presentations on national and state preparedness will be offered in the morning session. The afternoon session will consist of a roundtable discussion among federal, state and local government, healthcare and public health and the private sector on the challenges of a pandemic.

No one will be admitted to the summit without a prior reservation through the New Jersey Learning Management Network (NJLMN). To register, an NJLMN account is needed. Please sign up at <https://njlmn.rutgers.edu>.

Seating is limited and a large turnout is expected, so early registration is strongly advised.

If you have any questions, please call the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services at 609-633-8350.

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