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NEWS RELEASE

TO: Area Physicians
FROM: Tracy Metcalfe
Community Health Educator/Health Analyst
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RE: **Fungal Meningitis Update**
RUN: Immediate Release

Updated Information on Meningitis Cases Associated with Potentially Contaminated Injectable Steroid.

This is an update to the investigation of infections associated with exposure to products from the New England Compounding Center (NECC)

Yesterday afternoon, the FDA updated their patient notification recommendations to specify that healthcare professionals are to follow-up with patients who were administered ANY injectable medication from NECC, including injectable ophthalmic drugs used in conjunction with eye surgery, or cardioplegic solution purchased from or produced by NECC after May 21, 2012.

Healthcare professionals and medical care organizations should inform patients who received the NECC products noted above of the symptoms of possible infection and instruct patients to contact their healthcare provider immediately if they experience any of these symptoms. At present CDC and FDA have stated that mailed instruction is adequate for this stage of the notification.

This significantly broadens the scope of the outreach beyond the four facilities that had received the originally identified 3 lots of methylprednisolone acetate.

MDCH is working to assure that the impacted clinics are fully aware of this situation and have resources available to support patient outreach.

For more information, please contact the MDCH at 517-335-8165

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