



HEALTH ALERT NETWORK

WHAT IS THE HEALTH ALERT NETWORK (HAN)?

The Health Alert Network (HAN) is a notification system designed to quickly distribute urgent information from public health to thousands of healthcare professionals - doctors, nurses, and other key partners across Minnesota.

Messages are distributed via a three-tiered system:

- ▶ TIER 1: MDH to local & tribal health departments.
- ▶ TIER 2: Local and tribal health to hospitals, clinics, emergency management, skilled nursing facilities and others.
- ▶ TIER 3: Distribution within organizations medical providers and health staff.

At each level, additional information may be added to make the message more relevant.

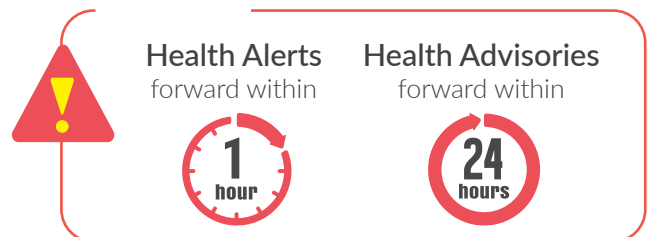
HAN SYSTEM HIGHLIGHTS:

- ▶ When an event threatens the health of Minnesotans, fast, efficient, and reliable communication to those responding to the event can prevent illness and save lives.
- ▶ The HAN notification system facilitates rapid distribution of critical public health information during disease outbreaks, environmental threats, natural disasters, and acts of terror that threaten public health and safety.
- ▶ HAN creates a communication infrastructure between state, local and tribal health departments, emergency workers, health care providers and more to ensure our community is prepared and informed.

HAN PROCEDURE:

Time is of the essence when a Health Alert Network message arrives.

- 1 ▶ First acknowledge the message by clicking on the link in the email.
- 2 ▶ Second review the attachment and determine who should receive the information within your organization or community.
- 3 ▶ Third forward the email to the appropriate recipients within your organization



UPDATE CONTACT INFORMATION:

Please email phhan@co.dakota.mn.us if the HAN contact information at your organization changes (this includes both primary and secondary contacts). Please ensure the lists you use to forward the notification are also kept current.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

- ▶ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) <https://emergency.cdc.gov/han/>
- ▶ Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) www.health.state.mn.us/han/