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PREP Act Authorization for CDC COVID-19 Vaccination Program Participants

As we work to combine efforts locally to administer vaccine to our area residents, Benton-Franklin Health District has been actively encouraging our bi-county health care partners to apply as COVID-19 vaccine providers. In brief, we simply must have wide participation in the vaccination effort to meet the demand and safety needs of our communities.

BFHD wants to ensure our area vaccine partners, including hospitals, clinics, health care providers, their staff and volunteers, are aware they will benefit from the protections provided by the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act (PREP Act). The PREP Act provides broad immunity from suit and liability under federal and state law to area providers who are helping to meet the need of the work to address the COVID-19 epidemic in our state. Please see the attached statement from State Secretary of Health Omair A. Shah, MD, MPH, for more information.