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Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for the outstanding attendance at the Healthcare Coalition meeting on Thursday, November 3rd. Twenty-two healthcare organizations participated in the meeting, and the attendees overwhelmingly supported the proposal to create a King County Healthcare Emergency Coalition. The Coalition would serve to strengthen coordination and communications among a broad range of healthcare organizations in preparing for and responding to major emergencies and disasters.

We need your feedback on the Coalition proposal, which is described in the attachment. Specifically, we need the following information:

1. Confirm your organization's commitment to participate in the proposed Coalition or if you need more information before you can decide.
2. Any comments, questions, concerns, suggestions about the Coalition proposal.
3. The name and contact information for an executive-level representative to serve on the Coalition's Executive Advisory Body.

We will be contacting you in the near future to identify management and clinical experts from your organization who would participate in Coalition work groups that will develop detailed plans for the health system's response to pandemic influenza and other emergencies. Also, we are planning to hold several additional briefings for executives and organizations who could not attend the initial meeting.

We believe that it is important to move forward expeditiously to develop the Coalition and to prepare our health system to respond to emerging threats such as a pandemic outbreak. We would appreciate your feedback and response to this e-mail by November 23rd. If you would like to discuss the Coalition proposal, please feel free to contact me at (XXX) XXX-XXXX.

Sincerely,

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