



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.

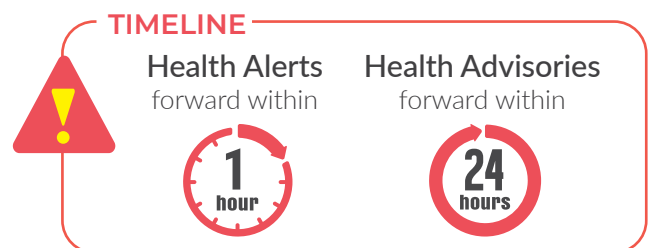
HAN SYSTEM HIGHLIGHTS:

- ▶ 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.
- ▶ HAN works to create a notification system for when there are events such as a disease outbreak, environmental threat, natural disaster, or act of terrorism. This platform helps to facilitate rapid distribution of public health information.
- ▶ The goal is for all local and tribal governments, emergency workers, public health staff, etc. to work together to form a communication infrastructure that ensures each community is properly 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 pghan@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 message 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/