



June 4, 2009

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
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Dear Board Members:

**SUBJECT: Report on Continuing Existence of a Local State of Emergency in Alameda County Relative to the Transmission of HIV and Hepatitis C Through the Use of Contaminated Needles**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that your Board accept and file this report on the need to continue the local State of Emergency relative to transmission of HIV and other blood-borne pathogens through contaminated needles.

**SUMMARY/DISCUSSION/FINDINGS:**

On December 14, 1999, your Board approved a Resolution #R-2000-298 proclaiming the existence of a local State of Emergency relative to the transmission of HIV and other blood-borne pathogens through contaminated needles. The resolution provides that the local State of Emergency shall continue in effect until its termination is proclaimed by the Board of Supervisors. It additionally provides that the need for the proclamation of a local State of Emergency be reviewed every fourteen days when the Board meets weekly.

The need for the proclamation of a local State of Emergency continues due to the continuing threat to the health and safety of the residents of Alameda County from the transmission of HIV and Hepatitis B & C through contaminated needles.

**FINANCING:**

There is no financing required with the continuation of this Resolution, and no impact on net County cost.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David J. Kears".

David J. Kears, Director  
Health Care Services Agency

cc: Auditor-Controller  
County Counsel