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Protect Your Health in Potential Flood
Tetanus Vaccinations, Flood Information for Non-English Speaking Populations

March 26, 2009 – Foley, MN – Sandbagging has begun in Benton County. Sand and the bags are available at County's Roseanna Beach Park located at 9876 West Lake Court, on the southwest side of Little Rock Lake.

Tetanus vaccinations are not required for volunteers to flood areas. Tetanus is not common after injuries in flood zones, but it would be helpful for you to know if your booster is up-to-date (that you've had one in the past 10 years). That way if you sustain an open wound injury while assisting, you can provide that information to the first aid personnel or your physician.

In cooperation with their public health and safety partners, ECHO is providing flood safety and emergency kit information in multiple languages on **ECHO PHONE** (888-883-8831 toll free in MN), **ECHO WEB** (www.echominnesota.org) and streaming video from a recently updated television broadcast.

They, and we, appreciate your support in circulating this information (available in Spanish, Hmong, Somali, Lao, Vietnamese, Khmer, Oromo, Russian, Arabic and English) to audiences who may benefit from this information.

ECHO phone and ECHO web will be updated as necessary. Please stay tuned to media reports for up-to-the-minute information.

For more information on protecting your health in a flood and situation summaries are available on the Minnesota Department of Health page dedicated to Floods:
<http://www.health.state.mn.us/emergency/flood09>

If you have any general flood concerns, please contact your city or county Emergency Manager.