Health and Homeland Alert Network (HHAN) Quick Reference Guide



1 How to set up your HHAN account to receive PEER Notifications

A. Request a HHAN account, if you don't have one: To request an account, send an email to the HHAN Help Desk at alert.network@state.ma.us. You will receive an email invitation with instructions to activate your account.

B. Verify that the groups listed reflect your discipline:

All PEER notifications are sent out to members whose HHAN accounts are registered in the Community Health Centers, Emergency Medical Services, Hospitals, Longterm Care Facilities, and Hospitals Group Lists in Region 4. To view a list of the Groups you belong to, login to the HHAN and view your "home page". Your Groups are listed on the left panel. If you have any questions about the groups shown, email **alert.network@state.ma.us**.

A. Complete your Personal Profile:

Completing your Personal Profile is critical for receiving HHAN Alerts correctly. It is important that you set up your profile when you first receive the account, and update it any time your contact information changes.

To update your Personal Profile:

- i. Login to the HHAN at http://mass.gov/hhan
- ii. Click on the "Personal Profile" tab
- iii. Confirm that *all* information in your profile is correct.
- iv. Pay special attention to your phone numbers and email addresses, and your "Alerting Preferences." Use the "Alerting Preferences" to customize how to receive each level of Alert.
- v. Make sure to set your Call-In ID in order to call into the HHAN to listen to the three most recent Alerts. It is recommended that you use your cell phone number as your Call-In ID, so that you can remember it easily.



If you forgot your username, email alert.network@state.ma.us



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2)How to receive and confirm HHAN Alerts

When you receive a HHAN Alert on your phone, email, or pager, it is often requested that you "confirm" the receipt of the Alert. You may also confirm an Alert you received previously on the website.

To listen to and confirm an Alert received on the phone:

The HHAN will call you from the number 617-401-8658.

- 1. Enter your four-digit Telephone PIN if prompted.
- 2. Listen to the Alert message.
- 3. If necessary, press 2 to repeat the message.
- 4. Press 1 to confirm the Alert.

To access recently received alerts on the phone:



You may find that you need to listen to an Alert received in the past. For example, you are listening to an Alert on your cell phone and the call is dropped.

- 1. Dial the HHAN toll-free number 877-313-HHAN (4426)
- 2. Enter your Call-In ID when prompted.
- 3. Enter your four-digit Telephone PIN when prompted
- 4. You may listen to the three most recent alerts received.

NOTE: Your Call-In ID and Telephone PIN are selected on your HHAN Profile page. It is recommended that you use your cell phone number as your Call-In ID, so that you can remember it easily.

To read and confirm an Alert received via email:

- 1. The HHAN Alert will be delivered by email.
- 2. Read the email.



NOTE: Many HHAN Alerts have files attached to provide more information. The files can only be accessed via the HHAN website.

To read and confirm an Alert via internet, text message, or alpha pager:



- 1. Login to the HHAN at http://mass.gov/hhan
- 2. Click on the Alert title to access the Alert Details Page.
- 3. Read the Alert.
- 4. Click on "Confirm" to confirm.
- 5. Links to attached files appear at the bottom of the Alert Details Page.

A complete HHAN User Guide can be found on the PEER website: http://sph.bu.edu/peer

