



COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

June 18, 2026

Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street – Fourth Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

**RE: Authorization to contract with Centers for Disease Control and
Prevention for Influenza Reagent Resource**

Dear Honorable Members:

The Erie County Department of Health (ECDOH) is seeking authorization to enter into contract with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for the Influenza Reagent Resource (IRR) to receive free access to influenza reagents for the Public Health Lab.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, please contact Commissioner of Health Gale Burstein. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark C. Poloncarz".

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

MCP/et
Enclosure

cc: Dr. Gale Burstein, Commissioner of Health

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Health
Re: Authorization to contract with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for Influenza Reagent Resource
Date: June 18, 2026

SUMMARY

Erie County Department of Health's Public Health Lab conducts testing using testing reagents. Erie County Department of Health utilizes the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Influenza Reagent Resource (IRR), which is a biological reagent repository, to access free reagents. Reagents are manufactured and distributed by the IRR to increase the availability and accessibility of reagents for public health purposes.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No funding needed. Service is provided at no cost.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Public Health Lab utilizes reagents from the biological reagent repository for public health testing.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Without access to free reagent, the Public Health Lab will have to purchase necessary reagent.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

ECDOH will work with Budget and Management and County Attorney's Office on executing all terms of the contract.

RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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WHEREAS, Erie County Department of Health's Public Health Lab conducts testing using testing reagents; and

WHEREAS, Erie County Department of Health utilizes the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Influenza Reagent Resource (IRR), which is a biological reagent repository, to access free reagents; and

WHEREAS, the reagents are available at no cost for public health purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to enter into contract with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for the Influenza Reagent Resource (IRR) to receive free access to influenza reagents for the Public Health Lab; and be it further

RESOLVED, the reagents will be provided at no cost; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the Erie County Executive's Office, Comptroller's Office, Department of Health, Department of Law and Division of Budget and Management.