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SUBJECT: **VARICELLA SURVEILLANCE PROJECT**

I would like to take this opportunity to personally commend all of you for your outstanding work as members of the Varicella Surveillance Project Team. Your dedication and commitment to the project above expectations are evident in the quality of the project and the surveillance data it has generated.

I have recently spoken with Dr. Stephen Hadler, Director of Epidemiology and Surveillance Division, Immunization Branch of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, who expressed to me his pleasure with the Los Angeles County component of the Varicella Active Surveillance and Epidemiological studies and the first quarter data presented at the recent National Conference on Immunization. In large measure due to the high quality of your work, this project will likely be recommended for continued funding by Dr. Hadler at least until there is wide coverage of the vaccine.

Keep up the good work!

LM:CP:ac

Congrats.Var-CP:ac D4