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Secretary, Department of Health

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Dear Participant:

Thank you for participating in **Florida Prepares**, Florida's Pandemic Readiness and Emergency Planning Summit. Today you will hear from several notable speakers from our federal, state, and community partners. They bring with them the most current data on this topic with an emphasis on what you can do to prepare yourself, your family, and your community.

Florida has a strong and robust surveillance system in place that is on alert to the potential of pandemic influenza. We have extensive experience in responding to and recovering from hurricanes, and train rigorously for all natural and manmade emergencies.

I hope you will use this summit as a catalyst for change as we all continue our preparation for a pandemic event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Rony Francois M.D., Ph.D.". The signature is stylized and cursive.

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