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In reference to your request on additions to the list of infectious diseases for ERE personnel under Docket Number NIOSH-219 I would like to submit my comment. Miami Dade Fire Rescue has been passively surveying a 2500 member department for three years for post exposure development of diseases. The greatest active threat has been primarily soft tissue infections of unknown origin which range from MSSA, MRSA and Staphylococcus Aureus . These organisms have caused the greatest amount of time lost and cost to our department compared to all the other diseases combined. If notification of MDRO's is mandated by the Ryan White act this would create a foundation for today's response as well as include what seems to be the future threat to our healthcare system; to include the full spectrum of care from first responders to final disposition from their hospital. If MDRO's are included within the Ryan White Act as a required reported disease we will be creating a pathway for information exchange that will give us the ability to be able to document and initiate surveillance measures to protect our employee.

Respectfully,

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