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Angie Bone - Emergency Management Forum – Welcome

[Introduction voice over]

[Dr Angie Bone speaks]

Hello…and welcome to this year’s Health and Human Services Emergency Preparedness and Engagement forum.

My name is Dr. Angie Bone, Deputy Chief Health Officer, Environment.

Firstly, let me just thank all of you for the dedication, professionalism and resilience you have shown in joining us in the fight against COVID-19. This year has forced many of us to change and adapt both professionally and personally in ways we could never have predicted or imagined.

While the fight against this global pandemic is far from over and we are continuing to learn how best to manage it, I know that we have the best systems and people in place to handle the further challenges that lie ahead.

I’ll speak a little more about what challenges we may have ahead this season a little later on.

At this point, I would like to emphasise the importance of our collective role in ensuring that Victorians are prepared, understand what they need to do; and where they can get help. In these forums we will talk about preparing, activating and managing your emergency plans.

*But*…it’s also important that *you* are personally prepared for the season ahead as well.

I want to encourage you to look after *your own* health…as well as looking after those who are vulnerable in our community…who rely on the services we provide.

We will be doing what we can to help Victorians prepare for the season ahead.

We’ll be working with you…so *you* can continue to protect Victorians and keep them safe…before, during and after an emergency.

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