

# PANDEMIC INFLUENZA

Swine?

Avian?



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## Swine?



H1N1 ?

## Avian?



H5N1 ?

# PANDEMIC

Making a plan

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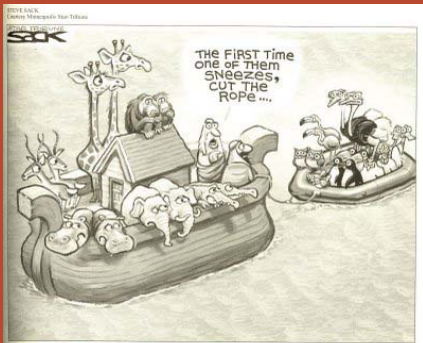
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# THIS IS NOT A PLAN!



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## GOALS

- Activate command center
- Create isolation unit
- Continue but limit acute care services
- Secure hospital entry/visitors
- Provide PPE for staff
- Set up remote respiratory triage
- Address staffing needs
- Communicate with CDC, VDH, VH, RHCC, EMS and local government
- Equipment/supplies/MOUs

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## GOALS

- Set up surveillance for staff
- Provide housing for staff
- Address childcare
- Address fatality management
- Financial considerations
- Reassess/Continue to educate and communicate

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## Create Isolation Unit

- Look at air handling system
- Baffle duct work leading from contaminated areas
- WMH will use SDS and WCC
- WCC will move to another area in hospital
- Registration and outpatient lab to be moved away from the isolation area

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### **Continue but limit acute care services**

- Limit surgery to emergencies only
- ED visits limited to patients with non-flu symptoms
- Medical-surgical floor utilized for non-flu patients
- Staff will be reassigned
- Consider drive-through phlebotomy for regular patients

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### **Secure Hospital Entrances**

- Close all but designated entrances
- Post staff in PPE at entrances to screen and re-direct people
- Security to assist limiting traffic
- Limit non essential visitors or stop visitation altogether

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### **Provide PPE to Staff**

- Surgical mask on patient and staff initially to escort patient to negative pressure room
- Use N95 mask or HEPA Hood with filter
- Provide Hoods to respiratory triage area and staff caring for patients with influenza

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## Address Staffing Needs

- 12 hour work shifts
- HR to maintain list of adjunct staff, ie retirees etc. Secure their credentials
- Consider furloughing non-essential employees or allowing them to work from home as able
- SPECIAL CONSIDERATION TO PREGNANT EMPLOYEES

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## Set up Remote Influenza Triage

- Provide supplies, PPE and medications
- Staff with physician, NP, PA, nurse, possibly security
- Screen patients and make decision to admit or discharge with prepackaged anti virals
- May need minimal treatment before discharge

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## Set up Remote Influenza Triage

- Utilize screening tools
- Set up phone triage
- Consider drive through triage

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**Communicate!  
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- VH
- EMS
- VDH
- Local government
- RHCC
- CDC
- Media
- Use WEBEOC

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**Ongoing Assessment  
Needs**

- Staffing
- Equipment
- Supplies
- Food
- Examine MOUs

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**Surveillance for staff**

- Assess staff coming on for symptoms of ILI and treat accordingly

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## Provide Housing for Staff and Childcare

- MOUs with local schools, churches, hotels for staff not returning home may be housed
- Stock with food, TV, DVDs etc.
- Address child care. Explore faith based providers.

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## Fatality Management

- Increase morgue capacity by super air conditioning adjoining areas
- Partner with morticians to develop a plan
- VH has plan to utilize refrigerated truck when morgue capacity is reached
- Identify bodies. Tag on body and body bag. Record in log book
- Check adequacy of body bag supply

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## Financial Considerations

- Assure registration of all patients
- Recovery of institution will depend on financial recovery

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**Continue to Reassess,  
Communicate, Educate**

- Reassess at least daily

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