



## **Emergency Procedure: Pandemic Influenza Infection Control – Bioterrorism & Disaster Preparedness**

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### **Policy Statement**

This facility has taken measures to prepare for a pandemic influenza event.

### **Policy Interpretation and Implementation**

1. All staff members will be trained on facility Pandemic Influenza Plan and related policies and procedures.
2. All prospective residents and employees shall be screened to identify exposure to novel influenza. Screen for fever and respiratory symptoms following exposure for one (1) to five (5) days.
3. A Pandemic Influenza Plan has been established and will be initiated when a novel virus is increasing and sustaining human-to-human transmission in the United States, and cases are occurring in the facility's state.

### **Emergency Procedure - Pandemic Influenza**

The following procedure should be utilized in the event of a Pandemic Influenza outbreak.

1. Announce "CODE PURPLE".
2. Notify the Administrator, Director of Maintenance, and Director of Nursing if not on the premises.
3. Activate the Recall Roster if warranted.
4. Facility staff report to the Incident Command Post for briefing and instruction.
5. Activate the Incident Command System (ICS) to manage the incident. The most qualified staff member (with respect to the Incident Command System) on duty at the time assumes the Incident Commander position.
6. Screen all prospective residents and employees to identify exposure to novel influenza.
7. Screen for fever and respiratory symptoms following exposure for 1-5 days.
8. Evaluate residents, employees, contract employees, and visitors daily for symptoms.

9. Instruct employees to self-report symptoms and exposure.
10. Follow Pandemic Influenza Plan for managing high-risk employees and for guidelines regarding when infected employees can return to work.
11. Strictly adhere to infection control policies and procedure.
12. Post signs for cough etiquette.
13. Adhere to droplet precautions when caring for a resident with symptoms or a confirmed case of influenza.
14. Determine when to restrict admissions and visitations. Communicate this to the affected parties.
15. Contact local, regional, tribal and state health departments to discuss the availability of vaccines and antiviral medications, as well as recommendations of usage.
16. Ensure adequate supplies of food, water, and medical supplies are available to sustain the facility if widespread flu occurs in the geographic region or at the facility.
17. Cohort residents and employees as necessary.
18. Implement contingency staffing plans as needed.

<b>References</b>	
<b>Related Documents</b>	Pandemic Influenza Communications Plan Pandemic Influenza Surveillance and Detection Pandemic Influenza Training and Education Pandemic Influenza Written Plan Pandemic Influenza, Infection Control Measures During Long term Care and Other residential Facilities Pandemic Influenza Planning Checklist
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