



## **Pandemic Influenza Communications Plan Infection Control – Bioterrorism & Disaster Preparedness**

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### **Policy Statement**

As part of the facility's overall disaster plan, the Pandemic Influenza Planning Committee has a pandemic influenza communications plan.

### **Policy Interpretation and Implementation**

1. Critical points of contact for all stages of a pandemic influenza outbreak include:
  - a. Local health department;
  - b. State health department;
  - c. State long-term care professional/trade association;
  - d. Local emergency and pandemic influenza preparedness groups;
  - e. State emergency and pandemic influenza preparedness groups;
  - f. Other regional emergency and pandemic influenza preparedness groups;
  - g. Local area hospitals; and
  - h. Other local healthcare providers (other long-term care facilities; emergency medical services; etc.).
2. The Pandemic Influenza Response Coordinator maintains a list of critical contact points and attends regional meetings, workshops and training sessions to obtain information on coordinating the facility's plans with other pandemic influenza plans.
3. The Pandemic Influenza Response Coordinator communicates with staff, residents, and families regarding the status and impact of pandemic influenza in the facility.
  - a. Various communication methods are utilized to disseminate information regarding the status of pandemic influenza in the facility.
  - b. The Pandemic Influenza Response Coordinator will determine the most appropriate communication methods (signs, phone trees, internet, etc.) for the situation.
4. The Pandemic Influenza Response Coordinator receives a current list of facility residents and contact information of resident family members on a weekly basis.

<b>References</b>	
<b>Related Documents</b>	Pandemic Influenza Planning Committee Roster
<b>Generations Revisions</b>	March 2020
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