



**Pandemic Influenza Training & Education
Infection Control – Bioterrorism & Disaster
Preparedness**

Policy Statement

This facility has developed an education and training program for disaster preparedness, including pandemic influenza preparedness training for staff, residents, and families.

Policy Interpretation and Implementation

1. The Pandemic Influenza Response Coordinator, in collaboration with the Staff Development Coordinator, is responsible for developing and overseeing clinical training on disaster preparedness regarding pandemic influenza.
2. Staff training on disaster preparedness and pandemic influenza includes the following components:
 - a. Communication with residents and family during epidemics;
 - b. Quarantine and/or visitor restrictions during epidemics or infectious disease outbreaks;
 - c. Control measures, including vaccinations and infection control precautions, to prevent infection and control outbreaks of influenza and other communicable diseases;
 - d. Signs and symptoms of influenza; and
 - e. The implications of a pandemic influenza at the facility and community levels.
3. Local (e.g., health department, hospital-based) and long-distance (web-based) training opportunities have been identified and may be utilized for additional staff training.
4. Resident and family education regarding seasonal and pandemic influenza will be provided by the Pandemic Influenza Response Coordinator and will include the following:
 - a. Internet resources for general information about seasonal and pandemic influenza;
 - b. The facility’s current state of preparedness for disaster and/or pandemic influenza; and
 - c. Information regarding written policies and procedures for pandemic influenza planning.
5. Printed information distributed to residents and family will be in a language and reading level that can be understood by the resident and family.

References	
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