

PandORa Flu Exercise
Objectives from Incident Commanders (IC)
and Command Staff
9/15/06 Meeting as Amended by PSC/IC on 9/19/06

Goals:

Reduce the number of Multnomah county residents who are vulnerable to Flu.
Reduce the number of residents who will die from flu.
Reduce the transmission of flu from currently ill persons to non-ill persons.
Appropriately use the available medical resources for the right types of clients.
Reduce community panic and concern.

Objectives:

1. Activate a vaccine distribution and administration system and assure THAT the first 50,000 doses (of 137,000 total) are administered to persons consistent with state priorities in the first operational period (between 7pm October 31, 2006 and 7pm November 1, 2006).
 - Consider vaccinating HCW/HCP's first (estimate 24,000).
 - Address options – private/ public and central/ decentralized.
 - Prepare for two contingencies:
 1. Existing state pandemic guidelines
 2. Modified state guidelines (if and when developed) to address the locally-observed epidemiology that impacts youth
2. Develop plan to mitigate barriers for special populations to accessing and receiving vaccines, triage and treatment.
 - Assess cultural/other barriers of vulnerable (any subgroup) populations to vaccine access and use.
 - Assess cultural/other barriers of vulnerable (any subgroup) populations to flu triage.
 - Assess cultural/other barriers of vulnerable populations to flu treatment.
3. Design and activate an ambulatory care system to screen, triage and refer or treat individuals with flu-like symptoms who do not have established access to care by 7pm Nov 1. Prepare for 40,000 persons over an 8 week period of time. Differentiate the use in each week based on the outbreak case curve.
4. Develop recommendations for community control interventions (e.g., closing/limiting operations of businesses, schools, transportation, etc.) to decrease flu spread. Establish a list with a timeline for implementation to start @ noon. November 2. 2006.
5. Develop a public information plan to prevent disease transmission, seek appropriate care & comply with community interventions. Establish distribution timelines and channels that are effective in reaching all community populations. Media rollout to start @ 9am Nov 1, 2006.