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The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) developed the Pandemic Influenza Response Plan to prevent, control, and mitigate the spread of viruses that pose high-risk to human health.


Viruses with pandemic potential require swift measures be taken in order to mitigate the impact. This will involve the need for enhanced surveillance, community mitigation measures, medical countermeasure management and distribution, laboratory and healthcare surge capacity, as well as fatality management.

In addition, planning for the response and recovery of individuals and businesses impacted by the pandemic is critical. This includes anticipating absenteeism in the workforce and the need for continuity of operations planning for mission essential functions and protection of frontline workers key to Michigan's critical infrastructure.

MDHHS has made substantial progress in pandemic preparedness and has incorporated recommendations from the 2017 federal guidance¹. MDHHS efforts in pandemic influenza preparedness are closely aligned with seasonal influenza activities, harnessing expanded surveillance, laboratory, vaccine, and antiviral drug resistance monitoring capacity. These activities are linked to efforts to communicate protective measures to the public and to help the healthcare system manage the demands of seasonal and potential pandemic activity.

The MDHHS Pandemic Response Plan serves to inform local, state, and federal governments; Regional Healthcare Coalitions; relevant agencies and organizations; and other stakeholders of the preparedness and response plans specific to pandemics within the State of Michigan.

The plan describes the operational intent when responding to pandemic influenza and details the system that has been developed for operations within Michigan before, during, and after a pandemic.



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¹ <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/66/rr/rr6601a1.htm>