

PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS IN BC FIRST NATION COMMUNITIES

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Resources Used

- Community Assessment
- Tabletop Exercises
- Scenarios
- Pandemic Template



Tracking the new strain of bird flu

Canadian Press map shows status of H7N9 outbreak in China as of April 4

The Canadian Press Last Updated: April 4, 2013

H7N9 bird flu cases in China

Several people in eastern China have been confirmed as being infected with H7N9 bird flu, the first cases ever seen in humans.

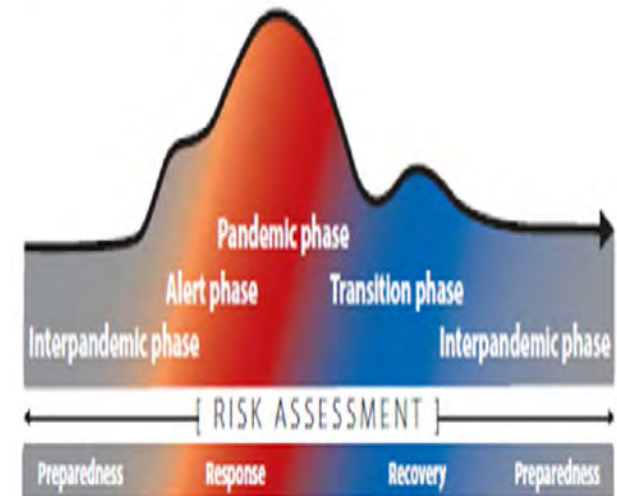


Community Assessment Questions

Examples:

1. What measures do you think must be in place to deal with this new flu strain that might turn into a pandemic?
2. What role could elders & traditional healers take?
3. If vaccines are shipped to your community, what arrangements must be made to keep them cold during transport?

Figure 1. The continuum of pandemic phases^a

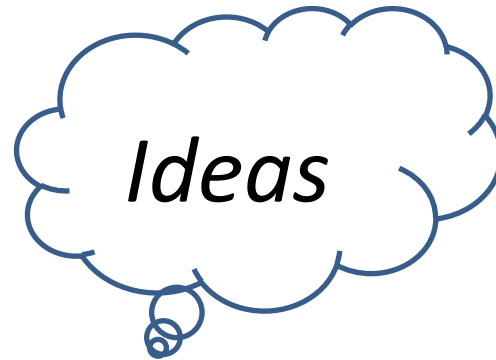


^a This continuum is according to a "global average" of cases, over time, based on continued risk assessment and consistent with the broader emergency risk management continuum.

Pandemic Plan

- Gaps identified ?

- Remedies



Scenario #1

Community Health Nurse and Health Director receive an email from FNHA that there are 3 cases of a new influenza virus in Beijing. Since this is a new strain, humans have little or no immunity to it, so there is concern for a possible pandemic.

Pandemic Plan Template

Before – During – After

- **COMMUNICATIONS**
- **PUBLIC HEALTH MEASURES**
 - **SURVEILLANCE**
 - **VACCINATION**
 - **ANTIVIRALS**
- **EMERGENCY PLANS**



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