Public-Private Partnerships for Pandemic Influenza Preparedness

In the APEC Region

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Influenza Pandemic Preparedness and Response

$829 million

$606 million – Australian Health Response
$72 million - Whole of Government
$152 million – Regional Assistance
Whole of Government Planning

Whole of Government Aim:
- Protect all Australians
- Reduce the impact of a pandemic on social and economic functioning

National Action Plan for Human Influenza Pandemic

The Health Sector’s Goal:
- Minimise the impact on health and health sector

Australian Health Management Plan for Pandemic Influenza
Whole of Government Planning

- Co-ordination of whole of government response
- Business continuity
- Critical infrastructure protection
  - For example
    - Banking and Finance
    - Energy
    - Food supply
    - Telecommunications
    - Transport
- Social maintenance
- Public communication
- Exercises
Outlines health sector responsibilities as part of a whole of government response

Includes both public and private health system
Whole of Government Aims
Protect Australians
Reduce impact on economy/social functioning

Health Sector Goals
Minimise impact on health

Operational Objectives (Health Sector)

OO1: Communication
1.1 Information gathering
1.2 Information dissemination

OO2: Minimise transmission
2.1 Support overseas response
2.2 Border control
2.3 Community public health interventions
2.4 Vaccination

OO3: Optimise the health system
3.1 Protect and ensure appropriate health workforce
3.2 Establish and maintain influenza services
3.3 Maintain critical non flu services and support services
3.4 Reduce avoidable demand on health system

Ethical framework

OO4: Partnerships across government
4.1 Advice to other sectors
4.2 Identify interdependencies

Goals (Other Sectors)
Role of Private Health Sector in Pandemic Response

- Surge capacity
- Role of:
  - General Practitioner’s
  - Pharmacists
  - Private Labs
  - Dental surgeries
Health Infrastructure Assurance Advisory Group (HIAAG)

Established in 2004

Aim:
To work in partnership with owners/operators of critical health infrastructure to promote private sector business continuity in the event of a pandemic or natural or man-made disaster, including a terrorist event.

Membership:
Owners and operators of private health critical infrastructure and associated peak industry bodies
Aim: provide timely and accurate information to private sector health professionals including GP’s and private practitioners

- In preparedness
- During pandemic
- In recovery
Communication

- Website
- Call centres
- TV campaigns
  - Toolkit of images and other resources
- Pre-prepared material
  - Basic hygiene messages
Resources available to businesses

How to fit and remove a surgical mask

Fitting a surgical mask
- Position mask over mouth and nose
- Fasten ties or tapes above and below ears at back of head

Removing and disposing of mask
- With clean hands, untie or break ties at back of head
- Remove mask by only handling at the ties, then discard in appropriate waste
- Wash hands

When worn by a sick person, surgical masks will the spread of droplets produced through talking, coughing or sneezing

How to fit and remove a P2 respirator

Fitting a P2 respirator
P2 respirators are available in several different designs, and only one is shown here.
- Position respirator over mouth and nose
- Position tapes above and below ears at back of head
- Fit snugly at bridge of nose and under chin by using the adjusters

Removing and disposing of respirator
- With clean hands, grasp tapes at back of head and remove by only handling the tapes, then discard in appropriate waste
- Wash hands

When fitted correctly, a P2 respirator offers protection from diseases spread by droplet and airborne transmission.
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Travel Health
Have you recently arrived or returned from overseas?

Do you have a fever, bad cough, trouble breathing, or otherwise feel unwell?
Please see a doctor about your symptoms.

- When you see a doctor, tell them about your symptoms and that you have been overseas, without waiting to be asked
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing
- Throw the tissue away in a bin afterwards and then wash your hands with soap and water

STAFF INFLUENZA NOTICE
Influenza is a contagious disease. To help reduce the spread of influenza in this workplace, the following actions are required of everybody.

DO NOT COME TO WORK IF YOU HAVE
- chills, shivering and a fever (temperature >38°C)
- muscle aches and pains
- sore throat
- dry cough
- trouble breathing
- sneezing
- stuffy or runny nose
- extreme tiredness

If some of the above symptoms apply to you, please stay home, seek medical advice and wait until you have recovered before returning to work.

If you start to feel ill at work with the above symptoms advise your Influencer Manager (see below) and keep at least one metre away from others.

If you have recently arrived or returned from overseas, you may be at risk from influenza, and you should advise your Influencer Manager of your recent travel.

Call your Influencer Manager
Phone:
Thank You