Integration of Health
Departments, Emergency
Management, and Community
Stakeholders in Pandemic
Influenza Planning and
Response in South Dakota

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### Objectives

- Identify key stakeholders necessary for collaboration in rural planning to support a pandemic influenza response.
- Prioritize issues that advance rural emergency planning and policy development that support a pandemic influenza response.
- Describe the unique roles and responsibilities of the health department and emergency management in responding to a pandemic influenza outbreak.





#### **Partners**

- South Dakota Department of Health
- South Dakota Office of Emergency Management
- USA Center for Rural Public Health Preparedness









### Purpose

To ensure coordinated and effective community response to pandemic influenza with the intent of:

- 1. Stopping, slowing, or otherwise limiting the spread of a pandemic within South Dakota;
- 2. Limiting the spread of a pandemic, minimizing disease, suffering, and death within the community; and
- 3. Sustaining community infrastructure and minimizing the impact to the economy and society.

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#### South Dakota Roles

- Office of Emergency Management
  - Traditional Emergency Response Role
  - Pandemic Influenza Response Role
- Department of Health
  - Traditional Emergency Response Role
  - Pandemic Influenza Response Role





### Pandemic Influenza Planning

Local Response

Community Engagement

Rural Challenges





# Local Pandemic Influenza Planning Grants

• \$601,724

Local Level Planning

21 Applicants Funded





## USA Center for Rural Public Health Preparedness

- Didactic Training Activity
- Rural Preparedness Roundtable
  - Best Practices
  - Lessons Learned
  - Strengths and Assets
  - Issues and Concerns





### Next Steps

Phase I Grantees

Phase II Grantees

 Pandemic Influenza Response Plan Exercise





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