

Your federal government in action: Active policy development to protect you from pandemic influenza

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Relevant mandates

- Homeland Security Presidential Directive 8: National Preparedness Goal
- FY06 Pandemic Influenza Emergency Supplemental Appropriations
 - PL 109-148 (December 2005) for \$350M & \$170M
 - PL 109-234 (June 2006) for \$250M
- National Strategy for Pandemic Influenza: Implementation Plan (May 2006)
- PL 109-417: Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act (December 19, 2006)



Underlying principles

- Pandemic influenza preparedness is a shared responsibility
- Response is primarily local
- Pandemic influenza is a community threat not only a health threat
- Community-based non-pharmacological interventions (i.e., community containment) will be indispensable
 - Antiviral drugs might be in short supply
 - Vaccine will not be immediately available
- Federal Government leads by example of coordination and cooperation
- Health officials are leaders



Active policy development: resources

- Strategic National Stockpile purchases to support states
 - Goal to purchase 60% of the 75 million treatment courses needed to cover 25% of the U.S. population
- Antiviral drug contracts
 - States' share is remaining 40% (31M treatment courses)
 - Better than best price
 - \$170M covers 25% subsidy of state purchases
 - Unlimited unsubsidized treatment courses
- Model work scope for antiviral drug distribution
 - Coordination with private industry
 - Features: terminal loci; state and distributor functions for custody and distribution



Active policy development: resources

- As of October 31, 2007,
 - 1 state* purchased >100% of its subsidized treatment courses
 - 17 states purchased 100% of their subsidized treatment courses
 - 27 states purchased some but <100% of their subsidized treatment courses
 - 17 states have not purchased any subsidized treatment courses
 - 15 states have, collectively, purchased 837,146 unsubsidized treatment courses

Treatment Courses		
	Tamiflu®	Relenza®
Subsidized	13,197,352	1,780,314
Unsubsidized	749,753	87,393

* "State": U.S. State or Territory, District of Columbia or Freely Associated State of the Pacific



Active policy development: guidance

- "PandemicFlu.gov" managed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
 - HHS Pandemic Influenza Plan (November 2005), Part 2. Public Health Guidance on Pandemic Influenza for State and Local Partners
 - Interim Pre-pandemic Planning Guidance: Community Strategy for Pandemic Influenza Mitigation in the United States (February 2007)
 - Planning checklists
 - Planning tools (e.g., facilitated look-backs, FluSurge)
- Continuous Quality Improvement Learning Collaborative on Pandemic Influenza



Active policy development: guidance

- Public Health Emergency Preparedness Cooperative Agreement
 - Phase 1
 - Gap analysis and prioritization of corrective action
 - Phase 2
 - Community containment plan
 - Antiviral drug distribution plan
 - Statewide operational plan
 - Pandemic influenza exercise program
 - Phase 3
 - Correct weaknesses in statewide operational plan
 - Exercise best developed parts of statewide operational plan
- Hospital Preparedness Cooperative Agreement
 - Medical surge



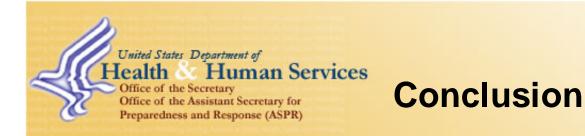
Active policy development: guidance

- Statewide pandemic influenza operational plan
 - HSC Action #6.1.1.2
 - Multi-department effort
 - Twenty-four priorities
 - Next steps comply with PAHPA
- Competitive Pandemic Influenza Project Proposals



Active policy development: practice

- National Governors Association regional exercises
- Mass vaccination functional exercise
- Non-pharmaceutical public health intervention (school closure) tabletop exercise
- Medical surge exercise
- Antiviral drug distribution exercise



- Active policy development
 - Enables
 - Policy-strategy-operations-tactics continuum
 - Solutions to work
 - Involves
 - Myriad partners
 - Imagination
 - Demands
 - Creativity of staff
 - Engagement of leadership
 - Dynamic processes
 - Action
 - Serves the people

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