

Pandemic checklist for occupational health

This checklist was excerpted from the HHS Pandemic Influenza Plan, health care planning section at www.hhs.gov/pandemicflu/plan/pdf/S03.pdf.

- An occupational health plan has been developed.
- A system for rapidly delivering vaccine or antiviral prophylaxis to health care personnel has been developed.
- The system has been tested during a nonpandemic influenza season.
- A method for prioritizing health care personnel for receipt of vaccine or antiviral prophylaxis based on level of patient contact and personal risk for influenza complications has been established.
- A system for detecting symptomatic personnel before they report for duty has been developed.
- This system has been tested during a nonpandemic influenza period.
- A policy for managing health care personnel with symptoms of or documented pandemic influenza has been established. The policy considers:
 - when personnel may return to work after having pandemic influenza
 - when personnel who are symptomatic but well enough to work will be permitted to continue working
- A method for furloughing or altering the work locations of personnel who are at high risk for influenza complications (e.g., pregnant women, immunocompromised health care workers) has been developed.
- Mental health and faith-based resources, which will provide counseling to personnel during a pandemic, have been identified.
- A strategy for housing health care personnel who may be needed on-site for prolonged periods of time is in place.
- A strategy for accommodating and supporting personnel who have child or elder care responsibilities has been developed.
- A vaccine and antiviral use plan has been developed.
- A contact for obtaining influenza vaccine has been identified.
(Name) _____
- A contact for obtaining antiviral prophylaxis has been identified.
(Name) _____
- A priority list (based on HHS guidance for use of vaccines and antivirals in a pandemic when in short supply) and estimated number of patients and health care personnel who would be targeted for influenza vaccination or antiviral prophylaxis has been developed.
 - Number of first-priority personnel ____
 - Number of second-priority personnel ____
 - Number of remaining personnel ____
 - Number of first-priority patients ____
 - Number of second-priority patients ____
- A system for rapidly distributing vaccine and antivirals to patients has been developed.