

## INFECTIOUS DISEASE OUTBREAKS

Avian Flu, measles, Mumps, SARs, and other infectious diseases can pose a threat to the University community as they do to communities worldwide. If there is an outbreak of infectious disease that threatens the University of South Florida, University officials will collaborate with State and National officials in determining the best course of action regarding operations at the University. Information related to any widespread infectious disease outbreak will be available on the University's website. (<http://www.usf.edu>) and at (<http://www.shs.usf.edu/>)

Current information regarding Avian Flu:

- There have been no reported cases of Avian Flu in humans in the United States.
- A very few suspected cases of human-to-human transmission of Avian Flu have been reported globally, but these cases have been limited to those with unusually close contact with an ill person. Even those cases are ambiguous, according to the World health Organization.
- Travelers should avoid contact with live animal markets and poultry farms in countries where cases have been reported.
- International students from affected countries, or members of the University community traveling to affected countries, may contact the office of International Affairs or visit their website at: (<http://web.usf.edu/iac/iss/>) if they have questions.

For more information:

The University encourages concerned faculty, staff, students and families to check the website (<http://usf.edu>) for updates. If you have specific questions or concerns about your personal health, please consult Student health Services or your family physician. As other similar issues arise, information specific to each issue will be posted. In addition, the Center for Disease Control has extensive information on these and other health threats on their website (<http://www.cdc.gov>).

The Student Health Pandemic Response Plan is located on the following pages:

**USF Student Health Services pandemic Influenza Response  
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<b>Level 1 Planning and Preparation</b>	<b>Level 2 Confirmed Cases of Pandemic Flu</b>	<b>Level 3 Suspected/Confirmed Cases in USA</b>	<b>Level 4 Suspected/Confirmed Cases at USF</b>
Appoint members to the SHS pandemic response team to lead the SHS planning process, develop a protocol for managing SHS operations during the emergency, and direct SHS during a pandemic event.	Response team reviews and revises pandemic plan and SHS operating protocol to ensure all elements of the plan and protocol are appropriate to the emerging threat and ready for implementation.	Response team meets with increasing frequency and maintains a state of readiness throughout SHS appropriate to its assessment of the current threat.	Response team assumes control of SHS operations, initiates execution of the pandemic plan, and manages SHS during the pandemic.
Response team members establish and maintain pandemic response relationships with key contacts at USF, local hospitals and public health entities.	Begin regular meetings with established or new teams of representatives from local hospitals and public health entities that will coordinate pandemic response.	Increase frequency of Level 2 activity.	SHS Response team and representatives of local hospitals and public health entities integrate/coordinate delivery of services during active pandemic.
Specify SHS essential functions and personnel.	Continue Level 1 activity.	Begin regular meetings of essential personnel to maintain state of readiness to implement the pandemic response.	Essential personnel and functions actively engaged in pandemic response under leadership of the response team.
SHS staff develop personal pandemic response plan to accommodate their SHS and family responsibilities.	SHS staff review personal pandemic response plans and adjust as needed based on the nature of the current threat.	Continue Level 2 activity. Attain and maintain high degree of readiness to implement personal pandemic response plan.	SHS staff implements personal pandemic response plan.
Identify general emergency communication channels.	Continue Level 1 activity.	Confirm availability and readiness of emergency communication channels and protocols for use during pandemic event.	Put emergency communication channels into service.
Project services SHS will deliver; compile lists of required supplies,	Develop budgets for purchasing supplies and equipment,	Increase on-hand stock of medications and medical supplies. Purchase operating supplies and	Replenish inventory on a short cycle and arrange for continuing access to essential supplies, equipment and services as

equipment and services; and identify vendors and storage facilities.	contracting for services, and storing supplies and materials all suitable to the current threat.	equipment. Execute contracts for services and storage.	pandemic event runs its course.
Identify cleaning and waste removal services providers.	Continue Level 1 activity.	Confirm availability of cleaning and waste removal services and readiness to respond to pandemic event.	Put into operation cleaning and waste removal services.
Develop clinical duties lists and triage protocols.	Review clinical duties lists and triage protocols to ensure they are appropriate to the current threat.	Continue Level 2 activity.	Begin performing clinical duties and applying triage protocols.
Identify potential infirmary and quarantine sites in addition to the main clinic (locations, staffing, supplies and services). Consider locations in on-campus and off-campus housing units.	Evaluate pre-selected infirmary and quarantine sites, and supplies, materials and services lists, for suitability to emerging threat and amend lists as needed.	Confirm access to and availability of infirmary and quarantine sites, staff to operate them, and necessary supplies, materials and contracted services. Prepare to quickly bring these locations into service.	Put infirmary and quarantine sites into service.
Plan for quarantine and isolation rooms in the main clinic and remote infirmaries.	Confirm that existing plan is appropriate to the emerging threat.	Identify and equip specific quarantine, isolation and negative pressure rooms.	Put into service quarantine, isolation and negative pressure rooms.
Establish criteria for quarantine and protocols for monitoring cases in quarantine.	Confirm that quarantine criteria and monitoring protocols are appropriate to the current threat.	Continue Level 2 activity.	Implement quarantine criteria and monitoring protocols.
Develop a plan for mass immunizations or administration of prophylaxis.	Confirm that plan for mass immunizations or administration of prophylaxis is appropriate to the current threat.	Continue Level 2 activity. Purchase and store stock of vaccine or medications appropriate to the current threat and related supplies.	Administer vaccine or medications as appropriate to the pandemic event.
Establish a protocol for care of the deceased and family notification.	Adjust plan as needed for the projected mortality rate of the identified pandemic	Confirm immediate availability of communication services and services for the care and disposition of human remains.	Implement protocol for care of the deceased and family notification.

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Establish a plan to provide continuity of IT-clinical records services maintaining security, high availability and appropriate data recovery measures.	Review IT-clinical records plan and ensure adequate hardware, consumables and spare parts are on hand.	Ensure all aspects of the IT-clinical records plan are ready for immediate execution. Update all software to the most current version. Ensure adequate power supply is available. Contact critical vendors to arrange for services in a crisis situation.	Execute SHS emergency IT-clinical records services plan.
Create templates for signage, Web, and other media and related messages.	Adjust templates for signage, media and messages so they are as specific and appropriate as possible to the current threat.	Continue Level 2 activity.	Put signage, media and messages into place.
Create awareness, protection and self-care information kits for students, faculty and staff. Promote annual vaccination.	Order awareness, protection and self-care information kits for specific pathogen. Educate students, faculty and staff about emerging pandemic. Strongly recommend vaccination if available.	Distribute protection and self-care information kits.	Continue Level 3 activity.
Conduct pandemic training and exercises.	Continue Level 1 activity.	Continue Level 1 activity.	
Develop a plan for restoring normal SHS operations.			
Develop process for evaluating SHS emergency response effectiveness.			