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The MDH Pandemic Influenza Plan assumes that there will be sufficient resources to respond to and manage the pandemic. The MDH recognizes that the extent of the pandemic may overwhelm the capacity to respond and thus there may be a scaling back or re-prioritizing as a pandemic evolves. This may have a significant impact for the regional and local level response.

Preface

An influenza pandemic will place extraordinary and sustained demands on the public health and medical care systems as well as providers of essential services across the country, globe, and state of Minnesota.

To prepare for the next pandemic, an event considered by many experts to be inevitable, the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) in cooperation with various state and local organizations has developed the MDH Pandemic Influenza Plan. This plan was first developed in 1999 and over the course of the last six years the MDH has been working with local public health (LPH), hospitals, clinics, emergency medical services (EMS), emergency management (EM), and other community agencies/partners to enhance the plan as well as develop robust and comprehensive plans for other kinds of emergencies that may impact the state of Minnesota.

Emergency preparation is a continuum and planning efforts will always be evolving. As new information arises and lessons are learned the MDH Pandemic Influenza Plan will be updated as necessary.

In November 2005, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) disseminated the federal Pandemic Influenza Plan (www.hhs.gov/pandemicflu/plan/). It is divided into two sections:

- Part 1: Strategic Plan
Describes the coordinated public health and medical care strategy to prepare for, and begin responding to, an influenza pandemic; and
- Part 2: Public Health Guidance for State and Local Partners
Provides guidance on specific aspects of pandemic influenza planning and response for the development of state and local preparedness plans.

The HHS plan serves as a blueprint for all pandemic influenza planning. The MDH has used this guidance in its planning and preparedness.

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