

INFLUENZA PANDEMIC

IF THERE IS AN ACTIVE INFLUENZA PANDEMIC PRESENT IN THE AREA,
THESE STEPS MUST BE TAKEN:

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If there is a pandemic alert level III (influenza in the local area):

- Maintain active surveillance of the health of residents and co-workers.
 - Monitor the health of visiting family members of the residents.
 - Personal protective equipment must be available to staff on campus.
 - Remain calm and ensure residents & co-workers are current with the most accurate and up-to-date information possible.
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If there is an influenza outbreak **on campus (two or more residents show flu-like symptoms within 72 hour time frame)**, notify the DOW, ED and VP of Operations immediately. Also notify primary care physician and DHS.

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Meet with key personnel as soon as possible, confirm the outbreak exists and implement all infection prevention and control measures immediately.

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Monitor the afflicted party(s) condition and give daily updates to the DOH, ED, family of the afflicted and all necessary care staff. If affected party is a staff member, they cannot return to work until they are symptom free for 48 hours.

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Implement infection control measures by ensuring afflicted residents have single rooms. Exposed residents should be separate from all other residents until cleared of their diagnosis. Cancel scheduled events and try to keep unaffected residents in their apartments as much as possible.

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For the afflicted residents, vitals and temperature should be recorded twice a day.

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The Manager on Duty will serve as a staffing coordinator to ensure that sufficient staffing is available at all times. Try to avoid having co-workers assigned to care needs for both affected and non-affected residents at the same time.

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Unless visiting to provide care, visitors and family should postpone any visits to campus. If necessary, they should use PPE, wash hands upon arrival, before leaving the resident's room and before leaving the facility, and only visit one resident per visit. Signs should be posted at facility entrances to notify all potential visitors of the outbreak.