



*Overview:*  
***Durham Region Pandemic  
Influenza Plan***





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## Aim:

- To ensure that Durham Region is prepared to effectively respond to an influenza pandemic.

## Provides Direction To:

- All Regional Departments
- Durham Regional Police Service
- Local Municipalities

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## Objectives:

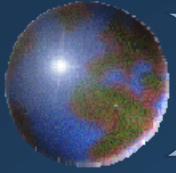
- Maintain essential services in the Region during a pandemic.
- Support the Health Department in preparing for and responding to a pandemic.
- Assist with public education.





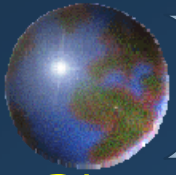
## *Planning Assumptions:*

- An influenza pandemic usually spreads in two or more waves. The length of each wave is approximately eight weeks.
- For planning (worst case), assume that 35% of staff could be off work at the same time.
- A vaccine will not be available for at least 4 – 6 months after the virus is identified.
- An influenza pandemic could impact the provision of essential services provided in the Region.



# Essential Services

- Those services that affect, or have the potential to affect, the health and safety of the public.
- Examples:
  - Police, Fire, EMS
  - Water, sewer, traffic signals, road maintenance
  - Homes for the aged, financial assistance



# Concept of Operations:

- Medical Officer of Health has the overall responsibility for directing the public health response.
- Based on the effect on essential services, the Regional Chair may declare an emergency under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act.
- If required, the Emergency Operations Centres will be opened at the Region and local municipalities.



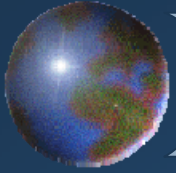
## Regional Departments and Local Municipalities:

- Maintain essential services, reallocate staff if required.
- Support the Health Department activities.
- Local facility access for public immunization clinics.
- Assist with public education.

# Infection Control Measures

- Hand hygiene
- Cough etiquette
- Stay at home when ill  
(fever, muscle aches, sore throat, cough)





# Additional Information:

 Durham Region Website:



[www.durham.ca](http://www.durham.ca)