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PANDEMIC INFLUENZA PHASES

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PHASE	DESCRIPTION	MAIN ACTIONS				
		PLANNING AND COORDINATION	SITUATION MONITORING AND ASSESMENT	COMMUNICATIONS	REDUCING THE SPREAD OF DISEASE	CONTINUITY OF HEALTH CARE PROVISION
PHASE 1	No animal influenza virus circulating among animals have been reported to cause infection in humans.	<p>Develop, exercise, and periodically revise national influenza pandemic preparedness and response plans.</p>	<p>Develop robust national surveillance systems in collaboration with national animal health authorities, and other relevant sectors.</p>	<p>Complete communications planning and initiate communications activities to communicate real and potential risks.</p>	<p>Promote beneficial behaviours in individuals for self protection. Plan for use of pharmaceuticals and vaccines.</p>	<p>Prepare the health system to scale up.</p>
PHASE 2	An animal influenza virus circulating in domesticated or wild animals is known to have caused infection in humans and is therefore considered a specific potential pandemic threat.					
PHASE 3	An animal or human-animal influenza reassortant virus has caused sporadic cases or small clusters of disease in people, but has not resulted in human-to-human transmission sufficient to sustain community-level outbreaks.					
PHASE 4	Human to human transmission of an animal or human-animal influenza reassortant virus able to sustain community-level outbreaks has been verified.	<p>Direct and coordinate rapid pandemic containment activities in collaboration with WHO to limit or delay the spread of infection.</p>	<p>Increase surveillance. Monitor containment operations. Share findings with WHO and the international community.</p>	<p>Promote and communicate recommended interventions to prevent and reduce population and individual risk.</p>	<p>Implement rapid pandemic containment operations and other activities; collaborate with WHO and the international community as necessary.</p>	<p>Activate contingency plans.</p>
PHASE 5	The same identified virus has caused sustained community level outbreaks in two or more countries in one WHO region.	<p>Provide leadership and coordination to multisectoral resources to mitigate the societal and economic impacts.</p>	<p>Actively monitor and assess the evolving pandemic and its impacts and mitigation measures.</p>	<p>Continue providing updates to general public and all stakeholders on the state of pandemic and measures to mitigate risk.</p>	<p>Implement individual, societal, and pharmaceutical measures.</p>	<p>Implement contingency plans for health systems at all levels.</p>
PHASE 6	In addition to the criteria defined in Phase 5, the same virus has caused sustained community level outbreaks in at least one other country in another WHO region.					
POST PEAK PERIOD	Levels of pandemic influenza in most countries with adequate surveillance have dropped below peak levels.	<p>Plan and coordinate for additional resources and capacities during possible future waves.</p>	<p>Continue surveillance to detect subsequent waves.</p>	<p>Regularly update the public and other stakeholders on any changes to the status of the pandemic.</p>	<p>Evaluate the effectiveness of the measures used to update guidelines, protocols, and algorithms.</p>	<p>Rest, restock resources, revise plans, and rebuild essential services.</p>
POST PANDEMIC PERIOD	Levels of influenza activity have returned to the levels seen for seasonal influenza in most countries with adequate surveillance.	<p>Review lessons learned and share experiences with the international community. Replenish resources.</p>	<p>Evaluate the pandemic characteristics and situation monitoring and assessment tools for the next pandemic and other public health emergencies.</p>	<p>Publicly acknowledge contributions of all communities and sectors and communicate the lessons learned; incorporate lessons learned into communications activities and planning for the next major public health crisis.</p>	<p>Conduct a thorough evaluation of all interventions implemented.</p>	<p>Evaluate the response of the health system to the pandemic and share the lessons learned.</p>