



Pandemic Pandemonium

A Neighborhood Influenza Pandemic Tabletop Exercise

Current Situation # 2 – Tuesday 11:37AM

The findings from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have been transmitted back to the Ministry of Health in China and throughout the World Health Organization's (WHO) network. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO), dispatches a team of *epidemiologists* and laboratory personnel to further evaluate the outbreak and disseminates a *Health Alert Network* advisory notifying clinicians and health departments in the United States to be on the alert for patients with severe respiratory illness and a history of travel to the region of Asia where the human cases occurred. Samples of the H7N3 influenza virus are sent to the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United States *Food and Drug Administration (FDA)*, so that work can begin to produce a reference strain for vaccine production.

The World Health Organization (WHO) issues a *Phase Four (4) Pandemic Alert*.

Understanding The Threat

- ✿ **Epidemiology** is the study of factors affecting the health and illness of populations, and serves as the foundation and logic of interventions made in the interest of public health and preventive medicine.
- ✿ **Health Alert Network** is a project designed to ensure that each community has rapid and timely access to emergent health information;

a cadre of highly-trained professional personnel; and evidence-based practices and procedures for effective public health preparedness, response, and service on a 24 hour a day seven (7) day a week basis.

Web Site: www2a.cdc.gov/han/index.asp

- ☀ **Food and Drug Administration (FDA)** is an agency of the United States Department of Health and Human Services and is responsible biological medical products in the United States.

Web Site: www.fda.gov

- ☀ **Phase Four (4) Pandemic Alert** represents that there exist small clusters of the H7N3 influenza virus with limited human-to-human transmission but spread is highly localized, suggesting that the virus is not well adapted to humans.

Web Site: www.cdc.gov/flu/pandemic/phases.htm