



Pandemic Pandemonium

A Neighborhood Influenza Pandemic Tabletop Exercise

Current Situation # 4 – Monday 3:55PM

By the middle of November, human cases of the H7N3 influenza virus have been reported in Hong Kong, Singapore, South Korea and Japan.

Although cases are reported in all age groups, young adults appear to be the most severely affected, and case-fatality rates approach 9% of those individuals stricken with the virus.

Public unease grows because a vaccine is not yet available and supplies of **antiviral drugs** are severely limited.

The World Health Organization (WHO) issues a **Phase Five (5) Pandemic Alert**.

Understanding The Threat

- ☀ **Antiviral Drugs** are a class of medication used specifically for treating viral infections such as influenza.
- ☀ **Phase Five (5) Pandemic Alert** represents that larger clusters exist but human-to-human spread is still localized, suggesting that the virus is becoming increasingly better adapted to humans but may not yet be fully transmissible.

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

