

PANDEMIC INFLUENZA



UTAH PREPARES FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATION

BE INFORMED:

- Listen for pandemic influenza updates on TV or radio.
- Pandemic influenza may be very different than regular influenza.
 - More people may get sick.
 - People may have very severe illness.
 - Currently, there is no vaccine for pandemic influenza.
- A pandemic may change the way we live our lives.
 - People who are sick may be required to stay home.
 - Schools and daycare may be closed to prevent the spread of disease.
 - Social gatherings (such as church or other events) may be cancelled.

TALK TO YOUR PEOPLE:

- Tell congregation members to listen and watch for public health officials with information on pandemic influenza.
- When appropriate discuss pandemic influenza in lessons or discussions.
- Distribute materials with information on pandemic influenza, including mode of transmission and prevention methods.

HAVE A PLAN:

- Make an emergency communication plan with the key members of your organization.
- Find other ways to provide services in the event that social gatherings are suspended.
- Stock up on disposable tissues and alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Identify members of the congregation who may have special needs and work with them to ensure their needs will be met.
- Encourage members to prepare their families for a pandemic influenza. Such as stockpile alcohol-based sanitizer and tissues, and get flu shots when available.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL: _____

