

PANDEMIC INFLUENZA



UTAH PREPARES SCHOOLS

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 daycares may be closed to prevent the spread of disease.
 - Social gatherings (such as church or other events) may be cancelled.

HAVE A PLAN:

- Establish an emergency communication plan, include staff, teachers, students and parents.
- Create an absentee policy that enables students and faculty to stay home if they have flu-like symptoms. This is important in preventing the spread of disease!
- Develop procedures to ensure continuity of instruction (e.g. Web-based classes, or classes via radio or television) in the event of school closures.
- Be able to provide sufficient and accessible infection prevention supplies such as: soap, alcohol-based hand sanitizer and tissues.

TALK TO YOUR PEOPLE:

- Talk to faculty, staff, parents and students about pandemic influenza and what the plans are for your school.
- When appropriate, include basic information about pandemic influenza in class discussions.
- Distribute materials with information about pandemic influenza, including modes of transmission and prevention.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL: _____

