

# CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES PANDEMIC INFLUENZA PLANNING CHECKLIST



Planning for pandemic influenza is critical for ensuring a sustainable health care delivery system within correctional facility settings. The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has developed the following checklist to help prison and jail systems to self-assess and improve their preparedness for responding to pandemic influenza. Given the differences among systems, individual facilities should adapt this checklist to meet their unique needs. This checklist should be used as one tool in developing an overall pandemic influenza plan for correctional systems as well as individual facilities. Responsible officials should incorporate information from State, regional and local health departments and emergency management agencies/authorities into the system and individual facility pandemic influenza plan. An additional benefit of this planning is that it can be used for other types of disaster preparedness.

All contact information specified below should include the names, titles, and contact information (i.e., office phone and cell phone numbers and e-mail and physical addresses) for individuals or organizations. These sheets should be provided to the system-level office (for prison and large jail systems). Further information can be found at [www.pandemicflu.gov](http://www.pandemicflu.gov). For information on general emergency planning and continuity of operations, see [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov).

## Develop a pandemic influenza preparedness and response plan

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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Determine the potential impact of a pandemic on the agency or organization by using multiple possible scenarios of varying severity relative to illness, absenteeism, supplies, availability of resources, access to legal system representatives, etc. Incorporate pandemic influenza into agency emergency management planning and exercise.								
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