

City of Peoria

Influenza Pandemic Preparedness and Response



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History / Background

- In 2006 the City of Peoria began to prepare for the occurrence of a flu pandemic.
- Medication, equipment and supplies were purchased to sustain essential city services for a three month duration.
- Fire Department Paramedics received additional training to administer vaccinations.
- Ongoing awareness training has been provided for both City employees and residents.



Status

- **We are currently in the second wave of the flu pandemic.**
 - **There is an increase in influenza in the schools.**
 - **Increase in hospitalizations and Emergency Room visits.**
 - **Vaccine will be arriving for the city over the next few months.**
 - **The Center for Disease Control (CDC) has establish prioritization guidelines that we must follow.**



Preparation of the Fire Department

- All public safety personnel have been offered vaccine for regular flu.
- The first round of H1N1 vaccine for health care providers has been administered.
- Daily monitoring of:
 - Public health updates.
 - Flu related service calls.
 - Sick leave usage due to the flu.
- Developed a operational response plan to address staffing levels in concert with the automatic aid system.



Preparation for the City

- Established relationships with Maricopa County Department of Public Health & regional public safety agencies to monitor the situation.
- Continue to work with the Communication and Public Affairs department to provide information to both employees & residents.
- Plans are in place to offer H1N1 vaccine to city employees when it becomes available.
- Emergency Management has met with each department to go over their plan to ensure continuance of government.



Expectations / Recommendations:

- Flu related calls and Emergency room wait times may continue to increase over this second wave affecting service delivery and/or methods.
- City's Pandemic plan must remain flexible in our response to the H1N1 pandemic event.
- Maintain communication with city staff and residents as we progress through this event.
- Continue to provide updated information on the City of Peoria's website @ www.Peoriaaz.gov



Additional information can be found at:

- www.wearepublichealth.org
 - For information on the H1N1 virus
 - Phone number (602) 506-6900
- <http://www.cir.org/>
 - For information on flu vaccinations and shot clinic locations.
 - Phone number (602) 263-8856

