

## Attachment 1

### Pandemic Influenza Planning Status Update (January 31, 2008)

#### 1. Toronto Public Health (TPH) Planning and Preparedness

	Activity	Progress since last report	Next steps	Issues pending Federal or Provincial direction
Disease Surveillance and Reporting	Weekly Summaries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TPH produces, circulates and posts on its website a weekly summary of global events of interest to pandemic surveillance.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This activity is being maintained on an ongoing basis.</li> </ul>	
	School Absenteeism Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TPH is working with the Toronto Catholic District School Board and the Toronto District School Board on the school absenteeism project for the 2007/08 school year.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TPH is working on the plan for evaluation of this project.</li> </ul>	
Operational Preparedness	Incident Management System (IMS) assignments and training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TPH has hired an Emergency Planning Coordinator to work specifically on the development of the training.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop and deliver training.</li> </ul>	
	Stockpiling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TPH now has a 4 week stockpile of supplies required for the response with the exception of environmental cleaning supplies.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to work with City Purchasing on environmental supplies.</li> </ul>	

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	Exercise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TPH participated in a pandemic exercise run by the IDEAS network on November 2, 2008. This exercise involved both the federal and provincial orders of government as well as acute care, long-term care, Community Care Access Centres and LHINs</li> </ul>		
Mass Vaccination Clinics	Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) with School Boards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The MOU with the TDSB was signed by both the TDSB Director and the City Manager in January, 2008.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TPH is working with the TCDSB on an MOU.</li> </ul>	
Health Risk Assessment and Communications	Public Education Campaign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sleeve sneeze campaign was promoted in fall 2007.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider further public education initiatives on basic infection control, e.g. Sleeve Sneeze campaign for 2008.</li> </ul>	
Public Health Measures	Participate on the MOHLTC Public Health Measures Work Group and subcommittee		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide input to the next iteration of the Ontario Health Pandemic Influenza Plan expected to be released summer 2008.</li> </ul>	
Assessment, Treatment and Referral Centres	Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The second draft of the flu centre plan is in progress.</li> <li>TPH staff met with Corporate Human Resources in January, 2008 to discuss staffing requirements.</li> <li>TPH staff working on logistical needs of flu centres.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting to discuss location requirements is being planned.</li> <li>Inaugural meeting of HR subcommittee of TPH Advisory group to be held Jan. 29, 2008.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Issues related to staffing, legal status, equipment, supplies, and budget remain unresolved.</li> <li>Mechanisms for the distribution of antiviral medications for early treatment.</li> </ul>

## 2. City of Toronto Planning and Preparedness

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Occupational Health and Safety	Employee Education and Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TPH presentations to Occupational Health and Safety Committee members in Clusters A, B and C have been completed.</li> <li>TPH met with Corporate Human Resources Occupational Health &amp; Safety to discuss recent expert panel report on transmission of influenza.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TPH is working with Corporate Human Resources to organize another expert panel to address City's Joint Occupational Health &amp; Safety Committee.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Still awaiting recommendations re anti-viral medication prophylaxis.</li> </ul>
Human Resources Policy	Policy Development and Consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meetings with Locals 79, 416, and 3888 and COTAPSAI have been held.</li> <li>Completed review of Continuity of Operations Plans with unions.</li> <li>First meeting of the Human Resources Subcommittee of the TPH Advisory Committee was held on Jan. 29, 2008.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meetings to be planned between Labour Relations and unions to discuss issues such as flexibility, new human resources policies and changes in the collective agreement.</li> </ul>	
Stockpiling	Stockpile Equipment for pandemic influenza and Tier 1 Operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Purchasing &amp; Materials Management Division is proceeding with this.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Report going to Executive Committee Feb.6, 2008.</li> <li>Purchase equipment and supplies for stockpiling.</li> </ul>	
Operational Preparedness	Operation HealthGuard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This City exercise occurred on November 27, 2007. Involved City EOC and some divisional EOC's including TPH.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To be repeated in 2008.</li> </ul>	

### 3. Linkages with the Health Care System

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Engagement of the Health Care Sectors	Cross-sectoral planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TPH organized and hosted a meeting with representatives from acute and long-term care, rehabilitation and complex continuing care hospitals, CCAC, and EMS in fall 2007.</li> <li>TPH staff have met with representatives of large community pharmacies and the Ontario Association of Medical Laboratories.</li> <li>TPH organized and hosted four regional meetings of health sector representatives in January, 2008.</li> <li>The first issue of a TPH pandemic influenza update on health system coordination is near completion.</li> <li>TPH had a booth at the College of Family Physicians of Ontario Annual Meeting in November, 2007. Information on pandemic planning was made available.</li> </ul>	<p>Work on key issues identified at June 13, 2007 meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Need for enhanced communication.</li> <li>Need for local-area planning.</li> <li>Enhanced inter-sectoral planning.</li> <li>Broaden the scope of treatment at flu centres.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multiple outstanding issues re flu centres</li> <li>Lack authority and resources to coordinate health care system; more properly role of LHINs.</li> </ul>