

Bronze Level

Annex C to IPC Community Emergency Plan

PANDEMIC FLU PLAN

Introduction

1. Pandemic Flu is the UK's highest risk and the elderly, infirm, young children and those with special needs can be particularly vulnerable. In a severe outbreak, up to 750,000 people could die of flu in the UK.

Trigger

2. The trigger for an outbreak of Pandemic Flu will be a declaration by the World Health Organisation. Other triggers may be received from the Wiltshire Council, the National Health Service, the Chief Medical Officer or other professional health care organisations. Note that the Chief Medical Officer is the most senior advisor on health matters to the government of the United Kingdom.

Contacts

3. Once an outbreak of Pandemic Flu has been confirmed by a reliable source then contact details of the following are to be obtained:
- a. Volunteers who can collect and drop-off prescriptions, collect food, etc.
 - b. Local Link Volunteers who provide transport for people without transport.
 - c. Organisations who identifying vulnerable people.
 - d. Local GP surgeries.
 - e. Local pharmacies.
 - f. The nearest 24 hour pharmacy

Preparatory Work

4. **Idmiston Parish Council** Those steps to be taken to ensure that Idmiston Parish is adequately prepared for an outbreak of Pandemic Flu are:

- a. Form an Emergency Committee that should include health care professionals if possible. It is important to make this committee larger than others as, during a full Pandemic Flu outbreak, up to half the committee could be affected.
- b. Distribute information about “Flu jabs” in the parish website and newsletter In the autumn,
- c. Share plans with the community and keep the community informed of developments as they occur.

5. **Preventative Measures for Parishioners** Prior to the winter GPs should be offering information on Flu Jabs and where to get them.

Actions to be Taken

6. **Idmiston Parish Council** When an outbreak of Pandemic Flu has been confirmed from a reliable source the following actions are to be taken (Note: Specify who is responsible for each action and when they need to do it):

- a. Call a meeting of the IPC Emergency Committee.
- b. Publish warnings on the IPC website and relevant Facebook pages.
- c. Put up NHS posters throughout the parish on IPC Notice Boards and share with churches, village shop, etc.
- d. Consider cancelling public gatherings and meetings, as advised by the NHS
- e. Activate volunteers to help people living alone by dropping off food, prescriptions, anti-viral flu drugs, looking after pets and keeping in touch with infected people through email or telephone.

7. **Elderly, Infirm or Vulnerable People** Notwithstanding the Data Protection Act, please will all parishioners let Idmiston Parish Council know of any elderly, infirm, disabled or special needs people, including neighbours, who may require direct and immediate assistance in an emergency within the scope of this Community Emergency Plan. Please provide their details to:

Parish Clerk: Catherine Purves:
Tel: 07 763 411 595
Email: parishclerk@idmistonpc.org
Website: www.idmistonpc.org