

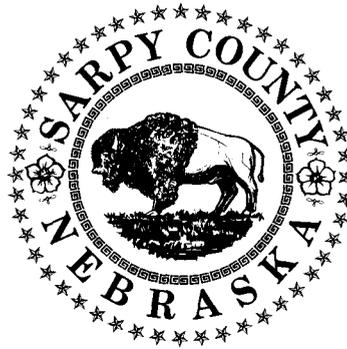
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To: Sarpy County Board

From: Carrie Davis-Sedlacek

Re: Sarpy County Pandemic Flu Continuity of Operations Plan

On May 5, 2009, the County Board will be asked to approve the attached Sarpy County Pandemic Flu Continuity of Operations Plan.

The Pandemic Planning Committee, made up of department heads and elected officials or their representatives, began meeting in the fall of 2007 with the goal of developing an overarching pandemic flu readiness plan to guide County operations in the event of a pandemic influenza outbreak. The attached plan applies to all Sarpy County departments; however, each individual department was asked to prepare their own Departmental Policy to further direct their actions during a pandemic. Departmental plans are more narrow and specific in outlining the actions of employees and the Department's interaction with the public.

The plan that you are being asked to approve identifies three threat level phases that correspond roughly with the World Health Organization's (WHO) Phase 5 and Phase 6 pandemic flu alert levels:

- Threat Level One: The level at which human-to-human transmission of the new influenza subtype is reported in the United States.
- Threat Level Two: The level at which human-to-human transmission of the new influenza subtype is reported in Nebraska or within 300 miles of Papillion.
- Threat Level Three: The level at which human-to-human transmission of the new influenza subtype is reported in Sarpy County or within 50 miles of Papillion.

The specific actions that Sarpy County will take at each threat level are detailed on pages 5 – 10 of the attached plan. Additionally, Appendix 6 addresses personnel issues that may arise due to a pandemic flu outbreak. As of the writing of this memorandum, the WHO has determined that we are in a Phase 5 alert. As such, and because there are probable cases in neighboring states as well as likely in our own state, we feel we are at Threat Level Two.

Approval of the Plan is strongly recommended by Mark Wayne, the County Attorney's Office, and the Pandemic Readiness Planning Committee. This plan is a live document and can be amended by this Board from time to time depending on the type of influenza strain, the severity of the strain and the mortality rate. At this time, the plan is broad enough to cover the most severe cases but can be modified as necessary to address milder cases. Approval is recommended so as to have a plan in place and accessible should the need to use it arise.

I will be giving a short PowerPoint presentation to highlight specific components of the Plan including action steps at each threat level.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have comments, questions, or recommendations.

April 30, 2009



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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SARPY COUNTY, NEBRASKA
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE
SARPY COUNTY PANDEMIC FLU CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS PLAN

WHEREAS, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §23-104(6) (Reissue 2007), the County has the power to do all acts in relation to the concerns of the county necessary to the exercise of its corporate powers; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §23-103 (Reissue 2007), the powers of the County as a body are exercised by the County Board; and,

WHEREAS, a Sarpy County Pandemic Flu Continuity of Operations Plan has been proposed to direct County functions and employees in the event of a pandemic event, and,

WHEREAS, the proposed agreement is in the best interests of the citizens of Sarpy County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SARPY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THAT the County Board is authorized to approve the Sarpy County Pandemic Flu Continuity of Operations Plan and any other related documents.

DATED this ____ day of May 2009.

Moved by _____, seconded by _____, that the above Resolution be adopted. Carried.

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Attest:

SEAL

County Clerk

Approved as to form:

Deputy County Attorney