

Public Health – Seattle & King County
 Pandemic Influenza Response Plan

APPENDIX D-2

Graded Implementation of Social Distancing Measures

December 2006

Phase	Level of Influenza Activity in King County	Possible PHSKC Response Actions (response measures implemented by decision makers will be based on specific health circumstances)
3	Novel influenza virus infecting humans abroad; no human-to-human transmission; no cases in the U.S.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Preparedness planning with partners o Business continuity planning o Educate response partners o Initiate public education campaign o Stockpile antiviral medications and essential supplies
4	Limited human-to-human transmission of novel influenza virus abroad; small number of local cases may begin appearing, however all are either imported or have clear epidemiologic links to other cases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Isolation of all cases o Quarantine of close contacts o Recommend KC residents defer travel to countries or areas of the U.S. impacted by the novel virus, as per CDC guidance
4	Limited human-to-human transmission of novel influenza virus in King County; a small number of cases appear without clear epidemiologic links to other cases and / or increased occurrence of influenza among close contacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Isolation of all cases o Quarantine of close contacts o Recommend KC residents defer travel to countries or areas of the U.S. impacted by the novel virus, as per CDC guidance o Recommend KC residents avoid close contact with other persons to the extent possible by curtailing travel and non-essential contact with other persons
5	Sustained novel influenza virus transmission in King County with a large number of cases identified	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Isolation of all cases o Close public and private schools (K-12), and licensed day care centers o Limit social interaction at colleges, universities, and libraries o Direct government and businesses to implement emergency staffing plans
5	Rate of infection continues to increase following school and child care center closures and social distancing in government agencies and businesses.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Close theaters, stadiums, community centers o Cancel all large public gatherings o Limit social interaction at houses of worship o Recommend mass transit be used only for essential travel
6	Sustained novel influenza activity in King County with widespread, countywide impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Consider suspending government functions not dedicated to pandemic response or critical continuity

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