

EMERGENCY KIT

Having these items on hand will be helpful for any emergency:

- Non-perishable food and water:** bottled water, canned goods, manual can opener
- Prescription medications**
- Contact information:** family members, doctor, pharmacy, police and fire departments, school
- Medical information:** allergies, serious conditions, current medications
- First-aid kit:** antiseptic, gloves, bandages, non-prescription medicine
- Radio:** battery-powered with extra batteries
- Flashlight:** extra batteries
- Extra clothes:** footwear, eyeglasses
- Personal hygiene items:** soap, toilet paper, toothbrush and toothpaste

Pandemic Influenza Awareness
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Pandemic Influenza:

WHAT IS IT?

A virus, different from seasonal flu, which people have not been exposed to. This virus would spread easily from person to person and cause serious illness around the world.

Pandemic Flu Preparation:

WHAT CAN HEALTH CARE CENTERS DO?

- Keep** copies of the Health and Human Services Pandemic Influenza Plan on hand.
- Designate** a staff member to monitor public health advisories.
- Communicate** reliable, accurate, and up-to-date information to your employees and patients.
- Monitor** influenza activities in patients.
- Report** unusual cases.
- Create** a list of contacts for:
 - Local health departments
 - Mississippi Department of Health
 - Local health care facilities
 - Relevant community organizations
- Develop** a pandemic plan addressing:
 - Triage and patient management
 - Infection control
 - Vaccine and antiviral use
 - Employee health
 - Surge capacity (staff and resources)

