



## Michigan

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### **Lead Agencies**

#### Pandemic Influenza

The Michigan Department of Community Health (MCDH) leads, with support from the Michigan State Police (MSP) Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division.

#### Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI)

The lead agencies will be the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA), with USDA and Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) will support response along with the Michigan State Police (MSP). Coordination of response is at the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC).

Currently, the Avian Influenza Interagency Working Group (for HPAI outbreak response planning) includes the MDCH, MDA, MDNR, MSP, USDA, and the Governor's Office for HPAI.

### **Trigger Points**

Michigan follows WHO Phases 1–6 and U. S. Stages 1–6, which incorporate highly pathogenic avian and pandemic influenza, as well as whether activity is near or within Michigan.

### **Non-Pharmaceutical Interventions**

#### School Closings

It depends on the severity of the pandemic. If a moderate or severe pandemic, the trigger to implement social distancing measures such as school dismissal will be at WHO Phase 6/U.S. Stage 4 or 5, whenever a confirmed outbreak of pandemic strain is documented in the region or within Michigan, e.g. Chicago or Ontario, Canada.

#### Public Venue Closing

Same as above, depending on severity (may consider if Category 3-5).

#### Public Transportation Continuation

Transportation will be continued. Michigan is not assuming that international borders will be closed (although it is possible). There is ongoing planning to address concern regarding staffing of transportation workers and maintaining critical infrastructure.

### **State Emergency Operations Center Activation**

The Michigan State Police Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management under command of the Governor is authorized to order SEOC activation, including the level of activation. For a public health emergency such as pandemic influenza, the Director of the MDCH will advise the Governor and the Director of MSP regarding SEOC activation.

#### Social Distancing

The SEOC itself is a single, large room with work stations lined up elbow to elbow, so the physical properties of the center are not conducive to social distancing. However, most work in the SEOC is conducted through the use of an electronic emergency management system called E-Team. If necessary, state emergency management staff can work from computers in remote locations, including their own homes.

### **Continuity of Operations**

The Continuity of Government Plan is maintained by the Department of Management and Budget. Priorities within agencies have been determined.

### **Businesses**

Both state and local health departments have been working with large and small businesses. More outreach still needs to occur in the small business sector. Pandemic influenza coordinating committees in local health jurisdictions include businesses in their areas. MDCH works with the Department of Labor and Economic Growth, which has been working very closely with critical infrastructure.



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### Unique Challenges

- Marked cultural differences in various areas of the state.
- Multiple language groups within the state.
- Economic issues.
- Major international ports of entry, such as Detroit Metropolitan Airport, bridges and marine ports between Michigan and Canada.

### Innovations

Michigan has developed a comprehensive School Pandemic Toolkit with the Michigan Department of Education, and is willing to share this information.

Michigan is also forming a college/university summit for all-hazard preparedness sometime this fall.

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