

Pandemic Plan

Overview

An epidemic is the classification given to a disease that occurs when the incidence rate of a certain disease is significantly higher than what is expected in the geographic area. A pandemic is an epidemic of an infectious disease that spreads through the population across a large region, i.e. continent. In extreme cases, a pandemic may cross continental lines and become a global concern. Pandemics are more serious because they affect a much larger percentage of the population.

Pandemic Influenza Planning

Pandemics occur when a new influenza A virus emerges and spreads globally. This is complicated by an increasingly urbanized population, higher levels of international travel and an aging population with chronic medical conditions that contribute to the spread and higher incidence of mortality from a pandemic outbreak. The CDC has developed several resources to assist with pandemic planning across the healthcare continuum. In an effort to prepare for pandemic outbreaks, the attached *Long-Term Care and Other Residential Facilities Pandemic Influenza Planning Checklist* can be used to guide center administration in the implementation of the appropriate controls to limit exposure and protect Glen Island Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation's patients and Employees.

COVID 19 - Pandemic Plan Policy and Procedure

The World Health Organization defines a pandemic as "the worldwide spread of a new disease."

Facilities will be responsible for protecting both residents and employees during a pandemic. The overall COVID 19 Pandemic Plan will include four phases: Mitigation, Preparedness, Response and Recovery. The facility Pandemic Plan will align with the facility Emergency Preparedness Plan and facility planning will include processes, including but not limited to: preparation for caring for ill residents while managing employee illness and absences; preparation of staff/volunteers/clinicians/vendors related to respective roles and responsibilities; and procurement of necessary supplies and resources, equipment, medications and other necessary items for the safety, health and welfare of residents and employees.

For details regarding our facility pandemic plan, please contact our Facility Administrator at (914) 636 2800 extension 339