



Community Healthcare Decision Pathway

Note 4: Increased Resources Worksheet for Healthcare Facilities

Date

Healthcare Facility Name

Name/Title of Person Completing this Form

Phone Number

Fax Number

E-mail Address

Select all methods that could increase capacities and capabilities at the healthcare facility.

- Convert more rooms or areas of the healthcare facility to airborne infection isolation rooms (AIIRs) with negative pressure¹ air handling, if possible
- Add staff and volunteers during peak hours of operation
- Cancel elective surgeries
- Convert single rooms to double or triple room occupancy, if possible
- Postpone routine annual checkups
- Activate Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with partners for sharing of resources
- Open tent(s) on hospital property for triage or care
- Activate Alternative Care System (ACS), such as
 - Open influenza treatment centers
 - Expand the role of outpatient clinics
 - Facilitate home-based care for patients in cooperation with public health and home care agencies
 - Open an overflow hospital for influenza patients

Other methods not listed above:

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¹ Negative pressure is created by adjusting a room's or area's ventilation system so that more air is mechanically exhausted than is mechanically supplied. This creates a ventilation imbalance through which air is continually being drawn into the room or area rather than being let out into other areas where exposure may occur.



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Disclaimer

The printable worksheets option will assist community leaders and decision makers in their selection of appropriate sites of care where patients may be screened, treated and/or transferred during an influenza pandemic. The worksheets are designed to assist coordination and management of resource availability, medical surge within the community and the severity of medical surge. This option is not a substitution for existing plans, systems, or approved forms, but is an additional resource for making informed decisions.