Florida's Response to Emerging Infectious Disease

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STATE-LEVEL ACTIONS

Case in the U.S., Not in Florida

Provide messages emphasizing infection control practices.

Implement enhanced surveillance.

Develop risk communication strategies.

Monitor travelers at increased risk for infection.
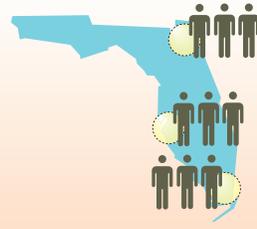
Conduct routine calls with public health stakeholders.

Single Case in Florida

Implement aggressive containment strategies.

Provide disease control expertise.

Announce case and implement risk communication strategies.
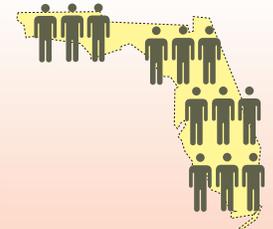
Expand epidemiological investigation.

Cluster of Linked Cases in Florida

Implement Joint Information Center for Risk Communications.

Support isolation and quarantine.

Multiple Un-linked Cases in Florida

Consider declaring public health emergency.

Implement non-pharmaceutical interventions and community mitigation strategies.

Consider activation of the State Emergency Operations Center to Level II.

Support local resource needs.

Widespread Cases in Florida

Consider declaring a state of emergency.

Activate State Emergency Operations Center to Level I.

Expand community mitigation strategies.

Prioritized allocation of resources.

LOCAL-LEVEL ACTIONS

(Case in the U.S., Not in Florida)

Monitor situation.

Disseminate information to health care providers.

Focus on disease surveillance.

(Single Case in Florida)

Conduct contact tracing.

Ensure isolation and quarantine.

Coordinate with health care practitioners to rapidly identify and isolate suspected cases.

(Cluster of Linked Cases in Florida)

Continue contact tracing.

Continue isolation and quarantine.

Consider activating local incident management functions.

(Multiple Un-linked Cases / Widespread Cases in Florida)

Activate county emergency operations centers.

Implement community mitigation strategies.

Establish alternate care systems.

Consider activation of continuity of operations and continuity of business plans.

Monitor resource inventories of personal protective equipment and supplies.

Local county contact information can be found at FloridaHealth.gov.

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