

Pan Flu Scramble Exercise

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Pan Flu Scramble Exercise Description

❑ Discussion-based, tabletop exercise

- Addresses patient surge (number of patients which far exceeds usual daily number)
- Designed to challenge communities
- Move surge of patients through the healthcare system
- Movement is done in a safe and timely manner
- Maintain community health while addressing the surge

Pan Flu Scramble Exercise Objectives

- ☐ Identify hospital surge capacity
- ☐ Develop strategies for alleviating patient surge
- ☐ Coordinate with non-hospital, healthcare sectors (e.g., primary care providers, long-term care, outpatient/walk-in clinics) that can deliver healthcare in a timely manner during an influenza pandemic
- ☐ Identify the most efficient way to coordinate patient surge and healthcare delivery in the community in order to maintain the health of the community

Pan Flu Scramble Exercise Outline

- Each table will be designated a healthcare sector
- Patient cards will be distributed
- Round 1 - Work through a usual day in patient distribution in order to become familiar with healthcare system treatment and distribution of patients
- Round 2 – Work through surge of patients and begin to identify ways to expand healthcare delivery using other sources of care providers
- After Action – Describe new methods of handling a large increase in patients without compromising healthcare system
- Suggest next steps for your community to use Pan Flu Scramble

Pan Flu Scramble Outcomes

- As a result of this exercise you will
 - Have a clear picture of healthcare delivery in your community on a routine daily basis
 - Recognize points in system where patient surge will begin to affect provision of care
 - Understand how expanding scope of providing care (clinics, primary care) can help to keep the system functioning and maintain community health
 - Be able to use this exercise within your communities to consider methods to address a surge of patients

QUESTIONS??

- Pan Flu Scramble –
www.cdc.gov/cpr/readiness/healthcare/panfluscramble.htm
- Healthcare related preparedness tools -
www.cdc.gov/cpr/readiness/healthcare
- Other CDC public health resources –
www.cdc.gov/cpr/readiness/resources.htm
- For more information or questions – healthcareprepared@cdc.gov

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