



Action Plan Response to Outbreak of Infectious Disease

Name of Disease: _____

Authors: _____

Infectious diseases are easily transmitted around the world. Risk of exposure and contamination is high.

This plan is designed to respond to a situation that goes above and beyond routine responses, and likely requires significant multi-agency response – in other words, an outbreak.

Purpose:

The purpose of this plan is to provide a plan for the operations for the coordinated decision making and communication by the various agencies needed to respond to an outbreak of the disease listed on the title page of this document. Specifically, this plan will:

- Describe the structure and flow of decision making for the response.
- Describe the procedure for activating the response.
- Define the roles and responsibilities for all involved, such as healthcare, local response agencies, emergency management, community, and governmental partners in the response.
- Describe procedures for communication and coordination among these partners.
- Describe procedures for ending the response and returning to normal operations.

Scope:

This plan is intended for a local community response to an outbreak of the disease named on the title page of this document. This is not a plan for routine management of infections that do not require urgent response and coordination across partners. This is intended to be a **general** concept of operations response.

Assumptions:

- The response outlined is local, restricted to a given region. Very large-scale responses may require coordination with state and federal partners. A pathway for this potential can be indicated in the flow chart, but not explained in detail.
- Those who are ill (children, elderly, those with special needs) can report to ANY equipped healthcare facility during the emergency response.
- The emergency responses within individual healthcare facilities are not detailed in this plan.

Name of disease: _____

Other names it may be called: _____

How is the disease transmitted? _____

Draw a labeled representation of the disease being transmitted in the box below:



What of the symptoms of this disease? _____

How is this disease treated? _____

What other information is important to know about this disease? _____

Operations:

Following initial notification of infection, describe how the activation of this plan will be communicated and started.

Describe the reactive measures that will be put into place. (What happens? Who is involved? How will they be notified? What are their roles and responsibilities? Who do they work with?)



Describe the proactive measures that will be put into place. (What happens? Who is involved? How will they be notified? What are their roles and responsibilities? Who do they work with?)

What other factors will you want to consider, such as treatment of corpses, waste management, cultural perceptions of the disease, and/or geography?



Describe procedures for ending the response and returning to normal operations.
