

## Get Prepared for Pandemic Flu

- What is Pandemic Flu?
- How Pandemic Flu differs from the seasonal flu?
- How would Pandemic Flu impact Henry, Shelby, Spencer or Trimble County?
- How can I better prepare my family and myself for Pandemic Flu?
- How can I better prepare my business/organization for Pandemic Flu?

**YOU CAN FIND ANSWERS AT THE  
NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT  
PANDEMIC FLU SUMMIT.**

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### Spencer County Health Center

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### Trimble County Health Center

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## North Central District Health Department Pandemic Flu Summit May 17, 2006





# North Central District Pandemic Influenza Summit

Claudia Sanders Dinner House  
Shelbyville, Ky.

May 17, 2006

6:00 – 9:00 p.m.\*

\*Please join us early. Dinner will be provided and served from 5:00- 6:00 p.m. (RSVP necessary)



A **pandemic** is defined as a global disease outbreak. A flu pandemic occurs when a new influenza virus emerges for which people have little or no immunity and for which there is no vaccine.

## A Global Concern . . . . . The Pandemic Flu

### WHO IS AT RISK?

It is difficult to predict when the next influenza pandemic will occur or how severe it will be. However, wherever and whenever a pandemic starts, *everyone around the world is at risk.*

An especially severe influenza pandemic could lead to high levels of illness, death, social disruption, and economic loss. Everyday life would be disrupted because so many people in so many places would become seriously ill at the same time.



**Pandemic Flu** spreads easily from person-to-person, cause's serious illness, and can sweep across the country and around the world very quickly.

### WHAT ABOUT OUR FOUR COUNTIES?

It is estimated that a severe pandemic could result in more than 18,500 people in our four counties (Henry, Shelby, Spencer and Trimble) becoming ill, and up to 365 individuals requiring hospitalization, as well as 120 deaths occurring in our four county community.



### WHAT CAN WE DO?

The effects of a pandemic can be lessened if we commit ourselves to being prepared. A formal commitment to preparedness planning has been made by the State of Kentucky in a resolution signed by Governor Fletcher on January 20, 2006. The North Central District Health Department (NCDHD) has also made a commitment to preparedness, and is currently developing a Pandemic Flu Plan for Henry, Shelby, Spencer, and Trimble Counties. NCDHD also encourages the business community along with every citizen to begin preparing themselves and their families. The Pandemic Flu Summit has been organized to educate community members about Pandemic Flu and the importance of preparedness.

### WHAT IS THE H5N1 VIRUS?

Health professionals are concerned that the continued and expanded spread of a highly pathogenic, and now endemic, avian H5N1 virus across eastern Asia and other countries represents a significant threat. The H5N1 virus has raised concerns about a potential human pandemic because:

- It is especially virulent
- It is being spread by migratory birds
- It can be transmitted from birds to mammals and, in some limited circumstances, to humans
- Like other influenza viruses, it continues to evolve.

