



Commonwealth of Virginia FluEx '08 Functional Exercise



Exercises

- Aug '06 Tabletop Ex (TTX)
- Statewide FluEx, Oct '06
- Cabinet TTX, Sep '07
- Mid Atlantic Region NGA TTX, Nov '07
- CDC (+ 5 states) Functional Exercise Sep '08
- **FluEx '08, Nov 18-19 '08**

Exercise Purpose and Scope

Purpose:

The purpose of FluEx 08 is to provide the Commonwealth with the framework through which State, local, private and civic organizations can demonstrate preparations and response to a State-wide crisis involving an influenza pandemic (PI). The exercise will also revisit key issues identified in previous PI exercise After Action Reports (AARs).

Scope:

FluEx 08 will emphasize mitigation and response strategies (policies, decisions and practices) among State and local government, private sector and non-governmental/civic partners during a period of PI progression from an acceleration interval into a peak transmission interval in November 2008.

Overarching Objectives

- Demonstrate the adequacy of emergency response plans relevant to a pandemic response.
- Provide an opportunity for the healthcare community to demonstrate preparedness capabilities and capacities including coordination and communication, medical surge, mass prophylaxis, laboratory testing and other variables appropriate for a pandemic response.
- Identify and discuss policy decisions corresponding to functions most needed to decrease mortality, social disruption, critical infrastructure degradation, economic strain and other adverse consequences of an influenza pandemic.
- Identify additional steps necessary to assure Virginia is prepared for an influenza pandemic as well as appropriate areas for improvement and corresponding corrective actions.

Scenario

- Pandemic influenza outbreak that will impact the Commonwealth and affect the entire United States.
- The exercise will begin as significant cases of disease are assessed as a US Government Response Stage 4 and a World Health Organization Phase 6.
- Definitions
 - US Government Response Stage 4 – First Human Case in North Atlantic
 - World Health Organization Phase 6 – Pandemic Period: Increased and Sustained Transmission in the General Population

Scenario, continued

- **Conditions at STARTEX, Thursday, November 20**

Samples taken from the deceased woman in Charlottesville confirms that she died of viral pneumonia. Viral typing shows that show were infected with H7N3. Public health officials also took samples from her family members. These samples show that they are also infected with H7N3.

Several inmates from the Augusta Correctional Facility have also been hospitalized for respiratory infections. Cases of individuals with flu like symptoms are reported across Virginia.

Cases of individuals with flu like symptoms are continue to rise across Virginia.

Governor's State of Emergency Declaration in place.

Exercise Timeline

- **Exercise**
 - Thursday & Friday, November 20-21; Multiple Venues
 - Thursday, 0900 – 1600
 - Friday, 0900 – noon + hotwash
- **After Action Conference**
 - Wednesday, December 17 (C/E's)