

# Influenza Pandemic Planning & Recovery Challenges



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## Community Focus

- Social Health, Community & Economic focus
  - socially & psychologically impacted, economic disruption
- Predicted impacts.
  - High absenteeism, Community perception - public fear.
- National & State commitment.
  - COAG working group, FaHCSIA projects,
  - Whole of Victorian Government approach, DHS Leadership.
- Partnership with Local Government is critical

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## Planning resources

- Guides published to assist:
  - Regional influenza pandemic preparedness guide,
  - Community Support and Recovery Sub Plan,
  - Preparing for an influenza pandemic,
    - A tool kit for Local Government.
- Regional & Local Government Coordinators and planning teams.
- [www.health.vic.gov.au/pandemicinfluenza](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/pandemicinfluenza)

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## Regional & Municipal Planning / Recovery Coordination

- Integrate into existing Municipal & Regional plans.
  - Integrated planning
    - Municipal Emergency Management Plan (MEMP)
  - Identifying gaps
    - Influenza overlay
- Achievable outcomes to address gaps.
  - Develop a plan to allow recovery functions to address Community impacts.
  - Solution may differ to *traditional* Public Health and/or Emergency Management treatments.

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Questions

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