

**Update on Community Pandemic Operations
Moose Factory**

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We CANNOT AND WILL NOT let our guards down yet.

Surveillance:

The numbers for student absenteeism and patients treated at the WGH are declining to a level that reflects normal school absenteeism and hospital emergency department operations. Statistics show that the H1N1 Influenza has 'Peaked' in our community and we appear to be on our way to recovery. Based on this, the Community Emergency Pandemic Control Group has cautiously downgraded our Pandemic Severity Level to: **Category 1 - 'Mild to Moderate'** Please make note of the interventions maintained during this stage in your CEPP.

We will continue to work with the schools and hospital to collect data for our Pandemic Operations. In an effort to gauge and closely monitor the flu situation in our community, we plan on surveying the employees that work for various local organizations in our community. This survey is scheduled for Wednesday November 18/09. Should our surveillance information indicate an increase in Influenza –like illnesses again, we may need to upgrade our Pandemic status to the appropriate category.

Community Gatherings & Events:

In Category 1: Community events and gatherings are permitted under certain conditions or interventions. The interventions include; screening (sign in procedure) and monitoring. We encourage everyone to stay home from the community events if you have flu like symptoms.

Medical experts are talking about a 3rd Wave of the H1 N1 Flu to show up during the winter, we are not out of the woods yet.

The improved community flu statistics are a direct result of your safe health prevention habits....keep up the excellent work.
Thank you and take care.

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