

Clarifying questions:

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How many staff members do we have on hand to combat flu season?

What makes certain influenza seasons worse than others?

What is our budget?

Funneling questions:

What marks the official start of an influenza season?

- a) Is there a specific start date of concern?
- b) Is there a case threshold where action/planning needs to take place

What are the death rates among different age groups?

- a) Are some age groups more at risk of death?
- b) Additionally, which groups tend to require more care from severe cases?
- c) Are rates different depending on variants of the flu?
- d) How can we insure better protection of vulnerable groups/individuals?

How many staff members do we have on hand to combat flu season?

- a) How many staff do we have in each state?
- b) How far can we move staff members to handle higher volume hospitals?
- c) Can we hire more staff if needed?

What makes certain influenza seasons worse than others?

- a) Does weather have an affect on the severity of flu season?
- b) How well does inoculation curb infection/death/critical condition?
- c) How pre-emptively should measures be taken?

What is our budget?

- a) Can we use additional funds? And how much?
- b) Can states/hospitals borrow from others/the government (if this wouldn't be predatory)?

Privacy and ethical questions

- a) Are we allowed access to patient medical data?
- b) Is it ethical to allow hospitals to borrow, and then be hit with interest rates that effect their readiness later on?
- c) Are there privacy laws against the analysis/collection of certain data?