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## Preparing for the next flu pandemic

This is a very broad window, suggesting that pandemics occur with an irregularity that prevents accurate prediction of emergence. We decided, arbitrarily, to define our universe of patients as the number of individually enrolled persons who sought care at VA facilities during the previous fiscal year.

## What Will the Next Influenza Pandemic Look Like?

There have been massive increases in domestic animal populations, with poultry and swine being of particular relevance to influenza risk. Fortunately, this is well underway. They were expecting to hear about fires and hurricanes, but the disaster that was brought up again and again was a flu outbreak.

## The next pandemic is already happening â€” targeted disease surveillance can help prevent it

Despite expansion of surveillance efforts, it is impossible to predict with certainty whether the next pandemic will arise from an antigenic shift in currently-circulating strains or a mutation that enables human-to-human transmission in one of the more lethal avian strains. Although ended up being relatively mild—killing about one in 10,000 people who came down with it—it still claimed more than 14,000 lives across the globe.

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As such, early stages of local outbreaks tended to be largely ignored, and action was often not taken until it was too late to achieve containment. But as , of the Imperial College London's I.

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The level of commitment may be viewed by some healthcare systems as too costly, especially in an era of economic instability and healthcare

system instability likely requiring major reform. Step 1: Committee Formation The VISN 8 leadership appointed a multidisciplinary team to a pandemic influenza planning committee PIPC that was tasked to ensure a coordinated and consistent planning and response effort across the VISN.

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Jails lagged in vaccinations, Spaulding discovered, due in part to misperceptions on the part of local health departments. While progress in infectious disease prevention, control, and treatment has improved our ability to respond to such outbreaks, globalization processes relating to human behaviour, demographics, and mobility have increased the threat of pandemic emergence and accelerated global disease transmission.

### **Reviewing the History of Pandemic Influenza: Understanding Patterns of Emergence and Transmission**

Interventions implemented early and for longer duration also had a greater impact. Despite publication of numerous pandemic planning recommendations, little or no specific guidance about the types of items and quantities of supplies needed has been available. Fewer than 1% of participants in this study tested antibody positive, meaning they had been previously infected with the SARS-like coronavirus.

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