

**APPENDIX 3: SOCIAL DISTANCING**

**DECISION MAKING FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING MEASURES, RISK COMMUNICATIONS, AND PUBLIC EDUCATION**

	County Public Health Director	EOC Policy Group	County Commissioners	<i>[Notes]</i>
Direction and structuring of healthcare system resources and operations.	<i>X</i>	<i>X</i>		<i>Managed through County Health Department</i>
Individual isolation of influenza cases	<i>X</i>	<i>X</i>		<i>Managed through County Health Department</i>
Quarantine close contacts of influenza cases	<i>X</i>	<i>X</i>		<i>Managed through County Health Department</i>
Risk Communications messaging to response partners, the public and the media	<i>X</i>	<i>X</i>		<i>Conducted through a Joint Information Center (JIC) with health messaging led by Public Health Information Officer through Public Affairs</i>
Public education campaign on flu prevention	<i>X</i>	<i>X</i>		<i>Led by PH PIO, supported by the EOC, and approved by the EOC Policy Group.</i>
Recommend the public defer travel to countries impacted by the pandemic	<i>X</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>EOC Policy Group will issue a public health recommendation that will be supported by all elected leaders.</i>
Direct public and private sector to implement pandemic emergency staffing plans	<i>X</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>Decisions are made by the EOC Policy Group, approved by the Board of County Commissioners, and coordinated with all parties.</i>
Close all public and private schools, and large child care centers	<i>X</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>Decisions are made by the EOC Policy Group, approved by the Board of County Commissioners, and coordinated with all parties.</i>
Limit social interactions at libraries, colleges and universities	<i>X</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>Decisions are made by the EOC Policy Group, approved by the Board of County Commissioners, and coordinated with all parties.</i>
Close churches, theaters and other places where crowds gather	<i>X</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>Decisions are made by the EOC Policy Group, approved by the Board of County Commissioners, and coordinated with all parties.</i>
Suspend large gatherings (Sports events, concerts)	<i>X</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>Decisions are made by the EOC Policy Group, approved by the Board of County Commissioners, and coordinated with all parties.</i>
Suspend government functions not dedicated to pandemic response or critical to continuity.	<i>X</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>Decisions are made by the EOC Policy Group, approved by the Board of County Commissioners, and coordinated with all parties.</i>
Discourage use of public transportation.	<i>X</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>X</i>	<i>EOC Policy Group will determine when to recommend to the public to limit use of public transit.</i>

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**GRADED IMPLEMENTATION OF SOCIAL DISTANCING MEASURES**

<b>Phase</b>	<b>Level of Influenza Activity in Palm Beach County</b>	<b>Possible PBCHD Response Actions</b> (response measures implemented by decision makers will be based on specific health circumstances)
3 <sup>1</sup>	Novel influenza virus infecting humans abroad; no human-to-human transmission; no cases in the U.S.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparedness planning with partners</li> <li>• Business continuity planning</li> <li>• Educate response partners</li> <li>• Initiate public education campaign</li> <li>• Stockpile antiviral medications and essential supplies</li> </ul>
4	Limited human-to-human transmission of novel influenza virus abroad; small number of local cases may begin appearing, however all are either imported or have clear epidemiologic links to other cases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Isolation of all cases</li> <li>• Quarantine of close contacts</li> <li>• Recommend Palm Beach County residents defer travel to countries or areas of the U.S. impacted by the novel virus, as per CDC guidance</li> </ul>
4	Limited human-to-human transmission of novel influenza virus in Palm Beach County; a small number of cases appear without clear epidemiologic links to other cases and / or increased occurrence of influenza among close contacts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Isolation of all cases</li> <li>• Quarantine of close contacts</li> <li>• Recommend Palm Beach County residents defer travel to counties or areas of the U.S. impacted by the novel virus, as per CDC guidance</li> <li>• Recommend Palm Beach County resident avoid close contact with other persons to the extent possible by curtailing travel and non-essential contact with other persons</li> </ul>
5	Sustained novel influenza virus transmission in Palm Beach County with a large number of cases identified	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Isolation of all cases</li> <li>• Close public and private schools (K-12), and large day care centers</li> <li>• Limit social interaction at colleges, universities, and libraries</li> <li>• Direct government and businesses to implement emergency staffing plans</li> </ul>
5	Rate of infection continues to increase following school and child care center closures and social distancing in government agencies and businesses.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Close churches, theaters, stadiums, community centers</li> <li>• Cancel all large public gatherings</li> <li>• Recommend public transit be used only for essential travel</li> </ul>
6	Sustained novel influenza activity in Palm Beach County with widespread, countywide impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider suspending government functions not dedicated to pandemic response or critical continuity</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> Palm Beach County is currently at Phase 3

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**THRESHOLD DETERMINANTS FOR THE USE OF SOCIAL DISTANCING MEASURES**

<b>Parameters</b>	<b>Disease-Related Factors Considered When Making Social Distancing Decisions</b>
<b>Influenza Cases</b>	<p><b>Palm Beach County</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total number of cases (absolute or estimated)</li> <li>• Rate of increase in number of cases (per day, per week)</li> <li>• Percentage of cases with no identified epidemiologic link</li> <li>• Populations affected including number and percentage of cases among:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children</li> <li>• Adults between 18 and 40</li> <li>• Elderly</li> <li>• Persons with underlying medical conditions</li> <li>• Other risk factors</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Severity of illness including:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of cases hospitalized</li> <li>• Number of fatalities and percentage of hospitalized cases resulting in fatality</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Outside Palm Beach County</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Severity of illness, populations affected, and rate of spread in other communities (globally, nationally, statewide)</li> </ul>
<b>Surveillance and Monitoring</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of contacts under active surveillance by PBCHD</li> <li>• Ability to rapidly trace contacts (number of contacts not traced or interviewed)</li> <li>• Absenteeism rates in schools, government agencies, businesses</li> </ul>
<b>Response Measures</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommendations made by the CDC and / or Florida DOH to implement specific social distancing measures</li> <li>• Degree to which neighboring counties, states and countries have implemented social distancing measures</li> <li>• Information regarding the effectiveness of social distancing measures in other communities</li> </ul>