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Risk overview





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<b>Risk Lead</b>	<b>Department for Health &amp; Social Care</b>
<b>Risk Descriptor</b>	<p>Emerging infectious diseases could cause large numbers of people to fall ill. These are diseases which have recently been recognised or where cases have increased over the last 20 years in a specific place or among a specific population. The likelihood of an emerging infectious disease spreading within the UK is assessed to be lower than that of a flu pandemic.</p> <p>The Local Health Resilience Partnership (LHRP) is a strategic forum for Lincolnshire organisations in the local health sector including the voluntary sector. It facilitates the production of local health plans as the Lincolnshire Multi Agency Pandemic Influenza Plan.</p>
<b>How Prepared Are You?</b>	
<b>How to prepare for the risk</b>	<p>If you are travelling abroad, consult the travel immunisation guidance and make sure your protections are up to date.</p> <p><a href="http://www.nhs.uk">Travel vaccinations - NHS (www.nhs.uk)</a></p> <p>If you have a pre-existing health condition, you should follow your doctor's advice to manage your condition and take simple precautions like packing an extra inhaler.</p>
<b>How to respond to the risk</b>	<p>Stay up to date with the latest <a href="#">information and guidance</a> from the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) on the emerging disease of concern.</p> <p>Ensure you follow any national or local temporary restrictions that have been put in place to help reduce the risk of spreading the disease.</p> <p>Refer to the <a href="#">NHS Website</a> for information on the signs, symptoms and treatment options for the emerging disease of concern.</p>
<b>How to recover from the risk</b>	<p>Stay up to date as guidance changes and restrictions are lifted (if applicable), by visiting the <a href="http://www.gov.uk">Gov.UK</a> website.</p> <p>Ensure you follow the additional guidance relevant to any pre-existing health conditions you have; if you're not sure, contact your GP.</p>

<b>How prepared is your family?</b>	<p>Do you each have an up-to-date list of your current medications?          Have you each had your latest vaccinations for Flu and Covid-19?          Have you each signed up for an <a href="#">NHS login</a> to access health and care websites, apps and services?</p>
<b>What can you do to support your Community?</b>	<p>Identify neighbours who may need assistance or who may be able to provide assistance to you in the event of restrictions on movement, or if you need to self-isolate.</p> <p>Make sure that any vulnerable neighbours or relatives are safe and help them make arrangements for delivery of essential supplies of food and medicine if they need to self-isolate.</p>
<b>How Prepared is your business?</b>	<p>Do you have suitable risk assessments in place for the threat of an emerging infectious disease?</p> <p>Can you quickly work with your staff members or volunteers to complete individual risk assessments, if necessary, to protect those who may be at increased risk from the emerging infectious disease?</p> <p>Do you have an up-to-date business continuity plan?</p>
<b>What are the Lincolnshire Resilience Forum doing to prepare for this risk?</b>	<p>We work together to plan for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Management of the demand on the NHS and social care</li> <li>• Distribution of anti-viral medication to the public</li> <li>• Public awareness and media management</li> <li>• Managing excessive levels of death</li> </ul>

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