

What's a pandemic and how does it differ from an epidemic?

We are used to epidemics of 'ordinary' flu, which occur seasonally, every year, around the world. An epidemic is a widespread outbreak of disease occurring in a single community, population or region.

A pandemic, on the other hand, occurs on a much greater scale, spreading around the world and affecting many hundreds of thousands of people across many countries.

One of the diseases to be aware of is pandemic influenza. A pandemic occurs when a new influenza virus, which people have no immunity to, emerges and starts spreading as easily as normal influenza.

Be prepared

The Government is investing considerable resource in contingency planning for a potential flu pandemic in the UK.

The Civil Contingencies Secretariat of the Cabinet Office has released a Pandemic Influenza Checklist for Businesses. This follows the current advice from the World Health Organization that countries should be planning for a possible influenza pandemic, although timing of onset is highly unpredictable. In the event of an influenza pandemic, businesses will have a key role to play in reducing the risk to their employees' health and safety as far as possible.

Visit www.ukresilience.info for further news and information.

Other useful websites include:

Department of Health

www.dh.gov.uk/pandemicflu

Health & Safety Executive

www.hse.gov.uk

Health Protection Agency

www.hpa.org.uk

European Centre for Disease Control

www.ecdc.eu.int

World Health Organization

www.who.int

National Travel Health Network and Centre

www.nathnac.org



What you can do now?

There are some simple precautions you and your staff can take to reduce, but not eliminate, the risk of catching or spreading influenza during a pandemic:

- Cover your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing, using a tissue when possible
- Dispose of dirty tissues promptly and carefully – bag and bin them
- Avoid non-essential travel and large crowds whenever possible
- Maintain good basic hygiene, for example wash your hands frequently with soap and water to reduce the spread of the virus from your hands to your face, or to other people
- Clean hard surfaces (eg kitchen worktops, door handles) frequently, using a normal cleaning product



Office Depot can help

As a one-source supplier of office products and services, including health protection products, Office Depot can provide you with a tailored solution for your business.

Our health protection products include:

- Health protection kits
- Continuity kits
- Disinfectants and cleansers
- Antibacterial handwash



Pandemic Protection

A sample of products we supply to help protect you and your staff

Purell Hygienic Hand Gel

- Effective and quick skin cleansing disinfectant
- Skin cleansing disinfectant
- Dye-free, perfume-free, leaves no residue or fragrance on the skin
- Ideal for people who come in to contact with others throughout their working day



Purell Hand Gel	Qty.	Price
60ml - 543896	1	£1.49
118ml - 539722	1	£1.55
240ml - 543905	1	£2.79

Micelle Active Cleaner and Sanitiser

- The ultimate cleaner and sanitiser spray kills MRSA, E-coli, salmonella and listeria
- Does not contain bleach and is suitable for use in all food preparation areas
- Antibacterial, antiviral and antifungal cleaner and sanitiser spray



Micelle Active	Qty.	Price
750ml - 539721	1	£8.99

Ecotech Wipes



- No more messy cloths and sprays – a clean fresh cloth every time
- Ideal for the office, food preparation areas, shops and factories
- Keep one by doors for quick surface wiping
- Effective against E-Coli, listeria, salmonella and MRSA



Ecotech Wipes	Qty.	Price
Pack of 150 - 539795	1	£4.99

Antibacterial Moisturising Handwash

- Un-perfumed bactericidal hand wash kills germs
- Effectively removes bacteria, dermatologically tested to be suitable for sensitive skin



Maxima Handwash	Qty.	Price
250ml - 531142	1	£1.19

FFP2 Face Masks

- Branded quality FFP2 masks as recommended by the World Health Organisation.



Face Masks	Qty.	Price
Non-Valve - 539919	1	£1.99

- Antibacterial telephone cleaning wipes in sachets
- 100 2-ply absorbent white tissues per box



Niceday	Qty.	Price
Wipes - 977263	1	£2.99
Tissues - 181306	1	£1.29

Grip Seal Bags

- Transparent plastic bags for safe storage and disposal of tissues
- The snap-close, self seal channel makes the bag reusable
- Multiple sizes available



Grip Seal Bags x1000	Qty.	Price
127x191mm - 533017	1	£10.99

Continuity Kits

- Contains the products recommended by the World Health Organization



Continuity Kits	Qty.	Price
540012	1	£9.99

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