

UPREHS PLANS FOR THE AVIAN BIRD FLU AND OTHER DISASTERS

As an on-going effort, UPREHS continues to plan for events that have the potential to disrupt our normal business activities. UPREHS wants to assure that we can serve our members in the event of a potential pandemic (such as the Avian Bird Flu) or other disasters such as earthquakes, floods, etc. UPREHS is working with local and state agencies as well as the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control.

As it relates to the potential for Avian Bird Flu pandemic, the Department of Health and Human Services has released the following information for UPREHS members and the general public to consider.

- The ABC movie “Fatal Contact: Bird Flu in America” is a movie, not a documentary. It is a work of fiction designed to entertain and not a factual accounting of a real world event.
- There is no influenza pandemic in the world at this time.
- It is important to remember that the H5N1 avian influenza is almost exclusively a disease of birds. The H5N1 virus has not yet appeared in the United States.
- Should the H5N1 virus appear in the United States, it does not mean the start of a pandemic.

UPREHS encourages our members to learn more about this virus potential and to plan for emergencies in their own homes and communities. UPREHS will keep you posted on our progress and will alert our members in the event of any catastrophe that involves our organization.

For more information regarding the Avian Flu Virus, please visit the United States Health and Human Services website at www.pandemicflu.gov

