

Strategic Action	Goal
<p>Level 1 Reduce human exposure to virus</p>	<p>Reduce opportunities for the spread of infection and, as a result, reduce opportunities for a pandemic virus to spread. Schools will review preventative protocols: proper hand washing technique, display posters that promote good hygiene and influenza care, cleaning of school increased, change garbage daily, etc...</p>
<p>Level 2 Strengthen the early warning system</p>	<p>Ensure that schools have information needed for awareness and accurate risk assessment. Division posts updates/warnings/alerts/resources from AB Ed, AHS, WHO Schools inform parents of updates/warnings/alerts/resources through newsletters, letters or website. Division communicates with community and other school jurisdictions. Attendance at school sites is monitored.</p>
<p>Level 3 Intensify Containment</p>	<p>Absenteeism rate exceeds 10%. Where increased human exposure and transmission has been confirmed, take steps to prevent further transmission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Remind students and staff of proper hygiene and self-care - Advise ill students and staff to stay home - Send students and staff who are exhibiting influenza-like illness home - Monitor student and staff absences - Distribute letter from principal informing parents of increased illness - Travel of individuals experiencing flu symptoms or exposed to H1N1 will be suspended <p>At the time site absenteeism exceeds 10%, the following protocol will be in place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contact Paul Stewart or Wendy Silvernagle who will advise AB Ed of percentage of absenteeism at specific schools - The principal will contact Alberta Health Services (AHS) at (403) 356-6413 - The school principal will follow directions from AHS. This may include releasing contact information about ill students - A letter will be sent home to parents in the school community from the principal
<p>Level 4 Build capacity to cope with pandemic</p>	<p>Localized outbreaks of the flu are confirmed Absenteeism rises to 40% Schools have formulated pandemic response plans to ensure sites are able to operate during a pandemic with significant reduction in staff. Travel may be suspended pending consultation with Superintendent (May include school trips, off site meetings, sporting activities, extracurricular events). Absent students will have access to learning resources through teacher, print, outreach, on-line sources Daily monitoring of absenteeism</p>
<p>Level 5 Division sites non-operational</p>	<p>Flu is wide spread Absenteeism is too great to ensure safe and effective school operation Schools are closed. Students will access to learning resources through teacher, print, outreach, on-line sources</p>