

**Virginia Department of Health  
Pandemic Influenza Monthly Activity Report  
April 4, 2008**

**WORLDWIDE UPDATE**

- The number of confirmed human cases of avian influenza A/(H5N1) reported by the World Health Organization increased by seven cases and four deaths in March. The total is now 376 cases and 238 deaths, for a case-fatality rate of 63 percent. Cases were confirmed from Egypt, Indonesia and Vietnam. The cases from Egypt and Vietnam were reported to have contact with sick and/or dead poultry prior to illness; the source of the new cases from Indonesia remains under investigation.

**VDH ACTIVITIES – Central Office**

- The PanFlu Advisory Committee Meeting was held and was designed and facilitated to address risk and crisis communications during a potential pandemic. Guest speakers and attendees included representatives from partner agencies cultivated by the Public Information team, such as the US Postal Service, the Virginia Association of Broadcasters and a top private sector government affairs blog. VDH Public Information Officers (PIOs) and Central Office EP&R staff presented various methods of communicating with the public during a public health event such as PanFlu, including broadcast, print and Web-based media, the Health Alert Network (HAN) and the phone inquiry center (PIC).
- VDH has been tasked by DHHS (on behalf of the federal interagency) to submit Virginia's updated PanFlu Plan to them for review NLT 16 Jun '08. Virginia's last submission was in March '07; it garnered a very positive response. VDH Planners are meeting on 14 Apr to coordinate next steps for health element plan development. VDEM is hosting a like meeting on 18 Apr to work with the other state agencies on non-health plan elements.
- Virginia submitted five applications for additional competitively-awarded PanFlu preparedness funding totaling \$3,546,751. A total of \$24 million was authorized by Congress to fund demonstration projects that might represent replicable approaches. This money was only available to current awardees of the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Cooperative Agreement. Virginia submitted the following partner grants and expects to hear about final awards by April 18, 2008.
  - Project 1 - A public engagement project in the health districts of Lenowisco and Cumberland Plateau for \$199,491.
  - Project 2 - An Electronic Lab Data Exchange project with the Division of Consolidate Lab Services to support PanFlu surveillance and lab testing surge capacity for \$860,162.
  - Projects 3 & 4 - Collaborative planning projects with the Hospitals (one targeted to support rural area, one urban area) for \$1,000,000 each.
  - Project 5 - A project with Fairfax health district to address vulnerabilities in populations for \$487,098.
- The Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association (VHHA) continues to assess both Human Resources and Altered Standards of Care issues for hospitals during a pandemic of influenza. Both the Human Resources and Altered Standards of Care Workgroups met to review and discuss documents developed by each workgroup. The Critical Resource Shortage Guide continues to be updated and hopefully can be implemented on a trial basis in targeted hospitals in the future.

- The 2008 Virginia General Assembly passed legislation (HB 403/SB657) providing liability protection to healthcare providers in times of declared emergency when they are practicing under significant resource shortage situations due to the emergency which impact the care provided. This legislation was signed by Governor Kaine and will be in effect on July 1, 2008.
- VDH PIO leader participated in an HHS-led exercise with Mid-Atlantic regional Departments of Health from Maryland and DC to strengthen PanFlu communications. Participation included HHS Secretary, representatives from CDC and working members of the press, including top flu blogs.
- VDH PIOs repackaged and disseminated the "Stay At Home Tool Kit for Influenza" to health districts throughout the state. The project was originally conceived by Health Departments in Seattle and King County, Washington; Montgomery County Maryland and the Maryland Department of Health and Human Services.
- Health Districts and EP&R Regions continue community outreach and coordinated PanFlu planning (refer to following VDH Pandemic Flu Activities Progress Report).

### **VDH ACTIVITIES – Regional Reports**

- **Central Region**
  - The Central Regional Team facilitated a “pilot” Epidemiological Incident Command System Table Top Exercise for the Henrico Health District staff, providing a better understanding of incident management practices that would be used by the Epidemiological staff during a PanFlu outbreak. This exercise is designed to be used state-wide with VDH Epidemiological staff to provide greater familiarity with the use of the Incident Command System structure as it relates to epidemiological activities in a PanFlu or other widespread outbreak.
  - Training Coordinator completed two National Incident Management System (NIMS) programs (700 level) for Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) during March. These include programs for the Chickahominy and Richmond City MRCs. During a PanFlu outbreak, volunteer resources, such as MRC, will be a critical asset in assisting Health Departments in the execution of their mission.
  - PIO attended and provided presentations and activities for the PanFlu Advisory Committee in March.
  - PIO is collaborating with the Chesterfield Planner to produce public relations material for the District’s upcoming PanFlu Summit scheduled for May 29.
  - PIO has continued to work with the Richmond Times-Dispatch, Central Region Health District Directors and Planners in developing an electronic template for a newspaper supplement in the event of a Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) or other major emergency, such as PanFlu, that could be forwarded immediately and printed on short notice in the event of an emergency. Development of the newspaper supplement and collaboration are on-going.
- **Eastern Region**
  - Training Coordinator continues to assist the Chesapeake and Virginia Beach Health Departments in coordinating a PanFlu-related Business Continuity Planning Seminar, which will be held in June 2008.
  - Public Information Officer (PIO) gave a presentation to the local hospitals in the region on VDH meetings and PanFlu planning sessions.
  - PIO gave a PanFlu presentation to the PanFlu Task Force Quarterly Meeting in Richmond.

- **Southwest Region**

- Planner and Epidemiologist attended the Regional HEMC Committee meeting in Harrisonburg where issues surrounding hospital surge planning were discussed for PanFlu planning purposes.
- Planner attended the Rockbridge County and Bath County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) meetings where several emergency planning measures were discussed that included PanFlu infrastructure shortages and surge needs.
- Planner, Epidemiologist and PIO attended the Mountain Empire Public Health Coordination Committee (MPHECC) meeting in Gate City where several issues were discussed, including the need to continue the PanFlu education for citizens and what each of the four states represented at this meeting (VA, TN, KY and NC) is currently doing and what their respective future plans are in regard to PanFlu.
- Planner and Planners from Mt. Rogers and Central Shenandoah Districts served as evaluators for the first VMI/Rockbridge County full field exercise (FFE). Even though this exercise was not directly PanFlu-related, it served as an initial step toward planning for and implementing both Tabletop Exercise (TTX) and FFE for PanFlu for the county and VMI.
- Trainer delivered three HAN Training programs to the Alleghany, Roanoke City and Central Shenandoah Districts. This Internet-based alerting system will be used in the event of avian influenza outbreaks in the Commonwealth.
- Epidemiologist and PIO attended HAN Training programs that will be used in the event of avian influenza outbreaks in the Commonwealth.
- PIO attended the PanFlu Advisory Committee meeting in Richmond where communications efforts and technology were discussed in light of a pandemic outbreak.
- PIO participated in a meeting of the Roanoke Public Information Group where plans are being discussed around Joint Information Center (JIC) planning and Coordination. There are also plans for an April JIC drill for this group.
- PIO assisted with instruction for the VDEM/FEMA-based PIO course for law enforcement, emergency services, schools, and administrative personnel from Virginia and Pennsylvania. This training would be put into place in the event of an avian outbreak in the Commonwealth.

### **VDH ACTIVITIES – Health District Reports**

- **Alexandria**

- Met with school system to continue work on schools' pandemic plans.
- Continued joint planning with Arlington for cross-jurisdictional cooperation in an emergency.
- Met with City Manager to discuss funding needs for pandemic preparation.
- Served as Work Group Subject Matter Expert for NACCHO-sponsored At Risk Populations Project.
- Presented to local CERT concerning pandemic and all-hazards planning and the use of volunteers.
- Served as member of panels for local hospital and region-wide hospital emergency planning.
- Worked as part of a group exploring the use of GIS in placing facilities easily accessible to people in the community.
- Included pandemic planning in City Emergency Management briefing to Alexandria City Council.

- Included pandemic planning in Mayor of Alexandria State of the City annual presentation.
- **Arlington**
  - Quarantine and Isolation Training for Courts is scheduled for May 1. Speakers and facilitators have been identified. Invitations have been sent to judges, attorneys and others who would be involved with quarantine and isolation.
  - An automated fit testing system has been identified and a request for funding put in the PanFlu carryover requests. Virginia Hospital Center has not yet agreed to participate in the project. We are considering purchase of a training video recommended by the Association of Infection Control Practitioners.
  - Two Arlington congregations have expressed interest in participating in the pilot project and are identifying their congregational work teams. Additional team members are being recruited through the Arlington Medical Reserve Corps (MRC). The projected timeframe for the pilot project is May – July.
  - A second round of edits on the BizLaunch segment has been completed and recommendations have been submitted for additional refinements.
  - A CD-Rom will contain PanFlu preparedness and response information in multiple languages including English, Spanish, Amharic, Arabic, French, Chinese and Vietnamese. District staff continue to assemble materials for inclusion in the CD-Rom.
  - Updates continue to the physicians' database, and information will be given to appropriate staff in the Communicable Disease Bureau.
  - A draft notebook/binder has been prepared, which includes the Tips for Medical Offices series, Mask Fitting guidelines and resources, PanFlu checklists, information resources, disease reporting lists and guidelines and a the PanFlu CD-Rom (under development).
  - Materials for a new PanFlu display are being researched and collected. The theme for the display is "Pandemic Influenza: Then and Now." This display is to be available for this year's County Fair and other community events. Copies have been obtained of the display materials used in the Metro PanFlu campaign during the winter. These will be available for subsequent events.
- **Central Shenandoah**
  - Director gave a presentation to a Health Administration Class at James Madison University that contained pandemic flu information
  - District staff members participated in HAN Collaborator Training provided by the SW Regional Training Team.
  - District Epidemiological Response Team had its quarterly meeting and discussed a variety of topics including immunization data and upcoming exercises.
  - Epidemiological Nurse gave a presentation to a Pre-Health Care Class at James Madison University on immunizations and flu vaccine.
  - Planner continues to work with Lord Fairfax District Planner, VDH Training Division and James Madison University to put together a May Homeland Security Exercise Evaluation Program (HSEEP) Catastrophic Event Resource Planning Workshop. The basis for this training event is the potential for a pandemic flu event. (Flyer is attached).
- **Central Virginia**
  - District continues to coordinate its efforts on PanFlu response and preparedness with the community partners.

- Immunization Nurse performed 36 face-to-face briefings, during travel immunization clinics, on PanFlu awareness/preparedness.
- **Chesapeake**
  - PanFlu Task Force Quarterly Meeting was held; items on the agenda included: Hand Washing Poster Contest for Chesapeake Public Middle Schools, completion of individual Continuity of Operations Plans (COOPs) for Chesapeake City Departments, the upcoming business continuity seminar and the adoption of new PanFlu educational tools.
  - City of Chesapeake's Office of Emergency Planning has established an Internet link from their homepage to VDH's PanFlu information site.
  - Chesapeake's MRC Coordinator and PanFlu Assistant have dedicated space in the District MRC's quarterly newsletter to provide MRC members with current information on PanFlu. The section will be entitled "PanFlu and You!"
  - The Planning Committee for the "Taking Care of Business" joint Chesapeake and Virginia Beach PanFlu-oriented business continuity planning seminar met on March 25. The committee refined the agenda, made task assignments and updated the Plan of Action and Milestones. Most of the seminar speakers are external to VDH and have all been contacted.
- **Chesterfield**
  - Planner provided PanFlu presentation to Colonial Heights TRIAD
  - Planner met with Student Health Director and Assistant Director of Virginia State University to discuss being a push agency for mass vaccination/medication administration in follow up to last month's discussion with VSU personnel on PanFlu.
  - Planner, Director and Epidemiologist met with school nursing supervisors to discuss final draft of Chesterfield Schools' PanFlu plan.
  - Planner received input from Epidemiologist, Nurse Supervisor (for Powhatan) and Director on Powhatan PanFlu plans.
  - Planner discussed the District's PanFlu summit with members of the local chapter of the Association of Contingency Planners and distributed registration flyers.
- **Chickahominy**
  - Met with Infection Control Practitioner at Memorial Regional Medical Center to continue PanFlu planning for the hospital, continuing the partnership between the local health department and community local hospital. PanFlu Coordinator. Planner and Hanover Health District Supervisor met with Hospital Disaster Team and made plans for disaster including PanFlu fair for employees, as well as offered opportunity for hospital to participate in State-wide PanFlu Exercise in the fall of 2008. Hand Washing Fair held at Memorial Regional Medical Center and PanFlu and Hand Washing materials given with approximately 75 in attendance.
  - PanFlu Coordinator gave PanFlu and Infection Control presentation to and staff of Hanover County Willow Avenue Group Home with return demonstrations by residents of hand washing
  - PanFlu planning presentations given to: Dr. Dhru's, Lee Davis, Kids and Company, Hanover pediatric, Richmond Cardiology and Richmond Nephrology practices. Also gave PanFlu and Infection Control presentation to Ashland Medical Center.
  - Participated in Pandemic Flu Advisory Committee meeting.
  - Participated in Fit Testing of employees of Cumberland Hospital in New Kent County as part of PanFlu planning

- PanFlu Coordinator and Planner participated in PanFlu planning with First Capital Bank of Ashland.
- PanFlu and Infection Control information distributed to WIC clients in Hanover County.
- **Crater**
  - Educator launched a “Pandemic Influenza: Planning for the Possibility” campaign designed just for schools, focusing on proper hygiene practices. Letters were sent out to all Crater Health District elementary school nurses encouraging them to schedule a presentation for the teachers and/or students to prepare them for a possible flu pandemic. They were also offered assistance in devising or updating their schools’ hygiene practices and PanFlu plan.
  - In another effort concerning good hygiene practices, the Educator conducted a survey throughout the district elementary schools. The focus was on basic hygienic supplies in the appropriate areas. All elementary schools were contacted and/or visited. Many of the elementary schools met the basic criteria, whereby a few were dealing with multiple issues.
  - PanFlu and emergency preparedness information was disseminated at The Dinwiddie County’s Second Annual Community Health Fair at the Dinwiddie County High School.
  - Over 100 PanFlu information packets were mailed to grocery/convenience stores and restaurants in Petersburg and Dinwiddie County. Additional mailings were sent to other businesses within the Dinwiddie County. This is a continuing effort promoting good hygiene practices and pandemic awareness.
  - Efforts are underway in the development of the Crater MRC community volunteer program. Educator, Planner and Central Virginia MRC Coordinator have been working to compile material, linking up with other interested rganizations/businesses and potential volunteers.
  - MRC team met with other district MRC coordinators to plan and prepare for upcoming events.
- **Cumberland Plateau**
  - PanFlu Coordinator, Planner and other District staff members worked to acquire several local stories about the 1918 Influenza Pandemic for submission to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Five stories were submitted.
  - PanFlu Coordinator presented PanFlu program information to an area Chamber Director.
  - PanFlu Coordinator and Planner met with the Buchanan County and Dickenson County School System Safety Committees in an ongoing effort to assist in incorporating a PanFlu plan into their safety plan as part of the Priority Projects.
  - Planner is working with the Buchanan, Dickenson and Russell-Dickenson County LEPCs to integrate PanFlu planning considerations in the local response plans, standard operating procedures and the Emergency Operations Plans as part of the EP&R Priority Projects.
  - District Director, Epidemiologist, Planner and PanFlu Coordinator, along with the Lenowisco Planner, submitted a joint rural CDC PanFlu grant proposal to develop a prototype for community planning and decision making around non-pharmaceutical implementation, specifically social distancing.
  - PanFlu Coordinator participated in: 1) the Health and Human Services PanFlu Planning Guidance Webcast; 2) the National Preparedness Month '08 Webinar

- presentation; and, 3) Creating Vigilant, Prepared and Resilient Communities for Homeland Security Webcast.
- Planner attended the Russell County Disaster Relief Task Force Board Meeting to assist with pandemic and emergency planning.
  - Director, Epidemiologist, Nurse Supervisors, Planner and PanFlu Coordinator participated in a teleconference planning meeting to plan for the 2008 Flu Clues Program for area schools.
  - **Eastern Shore**
    - Hand sanitizer dispensers with bags of sanitizer for each dispenser were distributed to all District schools to promote hand hygiene among students and staff. This was coordinated by the Emergency Planner, along with the local School Health Coordinators. An article regarding the distribution appeared in the Eastern Shore Newspaper, and a report aired on WESR FM 103.3 radio station promoting the prevention efforts of the District.
    - Educator attended a HAN/TRAIN user training facilitated by EP&R Eastern Regional Trainer and Emergency Planner. All MRC and PanFlu education will be tracked using the TRAIN system.
    - Educator facilitated a PanFlu 101 Workshop for ten MRC volunteers.
    - Educator provided information on PanFlu to 200 grandparents at Pungoteague Elementary School's annual Grandparents' Day event.
    - Educator and Planner facilitated a NIMS Training for 25 MRC/CERT volunteers, covering IS-22, IS-100, IS-700 and an overview of IS-800.
    - Educator attended a Safe Kids Coalition meeting.
    - Educator continues to develop and implement plans for the District's first Power Training and Volunteer Appreciation Day, which is a full-scale training event that will be held on Saturday, May 17 at our local college. There will be 12 MRC/NIMS-based trainings conducted including respiratory etiquette and PanFlu sessions, a CERT exercise, volunteer recognition and cookout. There will be exhibits from numerous community health, fire and rescue, and civic organizations, as well as events specifically designed for children.
  - **Fairfax**
    - PanFlu team presented PanFlu education and preparedness information to the following: Springfield Exchange Human Service Community Lunch series; Chinese and other seniors at the Sully Senior Center in Centerville; Korean and Hispanic Parent liaisons through the Fairfax County Public School; Hispanic Staff for Healthy Families in South County; Pine Spring Elementary School in Falls Church Hispanic families; Baileys Elementary School Hispanic families; planning meeting for upcoming presentation to the congregation of Santa Maria Church in Falls Church; Infant/Toddler Family Day Care in Fairfax
    - District held four Train-the-Trainers N-95 Fit Test sessions for community physicians, with 24 physician practices participating.
    - Held quarterly meeting of the Multicultural Advisory Council and ethnic media with presentations by Health Department subject matter experts on the Community Health Care Network and TB in Fairfax County.
  - **Hampton**
    - Planner continues monthly meetings with following City of Hampton representatives to discuss PanFlu preparation: Public Works, Police, Fire/EMS, City Attorney, Risk Management and Sheriff's Office.

- Planner met with current Fast Forward classes and will continue acting as a facilitator for future training sessions to the public.
- Planners met with Sheriff's office and Health Director for City of Hampton Jails to assist with staff and inmate PanFlu education.
- Planner met with Hampton's Public Safety Business Team to discuss city government readiness for PanFlu.
- Planner met with PanFlu/Cities' Readiness Initiative (CRI) business and government working group
- Planner met with Ft. Monroe Craven Medical Clinic, OIC, discussing treatment during PanFlu incident.
- Director continues to send a monthly "2007-2008 INFLUENZA SEASON UPDATE" via BLAST FAX to local health care providers.
- **Henrico**
  - Epidemiologist sent weekly avian influenza updates via email to community partners.
  - District sent monthly Public Health Bytes newsletter, which includes a Pandemic/Avian Flu update, to local healthcare facilities, medical providers, schools, first responders, county officials and other interested parties.
  - PanFlu Coordinator provided PanFlu lectures for Bon Secours Care-A-Van patients at both Battery Park Christian and Newbridge Baptist Churches.
  - Planner and PanFlu Coordinator continue to hold ICS training for Henrico County MRC volunteers, who are required to know and understand the ICS role in a pandemic event. We now have two locations for MRC/PanFlu training sessions.
  - Planner, Epidemiologist, and PanFlu Coordinator continued visits to long term care facilities in District.
  - Planner and PanFlu Coordinator presented PanFlu preparedness to St. Paul's Baptist Church.
- **Lenowisco**
  - Briefed Mountain Empire Public Health Emergency Coordination Committee (MEPHECC) on Tennessee PanFlu Plan for EMS
  - Along with Cumberland Plateau Health District, submitted PanFlu Social Distancing grant application to the CDC.
  - Mountain Empire Epidemiological Task Force met to discuss regional influenza prevalence and vaccination rates for East Tennessee, Southwest Virginia, Northwest North Carolina.
  - Planner is currently updating district physician list to include fax numbers and e-mail addresses in order to provide current and breaking information to physicians.
  - PanFlu preparation material was included in information packets provided to teenaged girls in the Coeburn Girls Empowered to Make Success (GEMS) program.
- **Lord Fairfax**
  - Planner presented a lecture on PanFlu preparedness to Shenandoah University Nursing Students in Winchester.
  - Planner continued work with the Central Shenandoah Health District and James Madison University on the PanFlu workshop "Catastrophic Event Resource Planning Workshop" to be held in May.
  - Met with Page Memorial Hospital to begin to formalize a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the placement of a Vaccine Storage Refrigerator to be placed in the hospital for use by Page Memorial Hospital and District for Continuity of Operations and vaccine surge capacity.

- Epidemiologist began work on the District's disease surveillance plan and trending as a part of the District's PanFlu funding priority project.
- **Loudoun**
  - Provided PanFlu presentations to the staffs of The Business Bank in Sterling; the managers of the ten Loudoun County Community Centers, staff of the Ashburn, Lovettsville, and Middleburg Libraries.
  - Provided PanFlu presentations to members of Loudoun's MRC, Red Cross, Community Emergency Response Team and Sheriff's Auxiliary.
  - Scheduled a PanFlu presentation for the senior management and board of directors of The Business Bank in Sterling on April 21.
  - Provided PanFlu educational materials to visitors at the Carver Senior Center in Purcellville.
  - Began distribution of Spanish language PanFlu preparedness educational materials to Sterling-area Hispanic restaurants.
  - College intern continued development and refinement of Web page materials on Pandemic, avian and seasonal flu's for the District's flu Web site.
  - Developed and implemented a feedback and evaluation form for use in PanFlu presentations. Began tabulating the results to measure audience satisfaction, relevance of learning objectives and potential to adapt presentation as needed.
  - Scheduled a PanFlu and District display table for the Sterling Street Health Fair to be held at the Sterling Community Center on April 20th, the Ashburn Loudoun Bible Church on April 27th and the Senior Expo on May 8th in Ashburn.
  - Displayed the PanFlu tabletop exhibit at the Lovettsville Home Assisted Living Facility.
  - Delivered PanFlu preparedness handouts to the Woodland Assisted Living Home in Lovettsville.
  - A PanFlu preparedness article was published in the Loudoun/Ashburn Connection newspaper.
- **Mount Rogers**
  - Director made PanFlu planning presentations to all Bristol, VA, school principals, administrators, and school nurse staff. Director also made PanFlu presentation to the Wythe County Board of Supervisors.
  - MRC Coordinator distributed PanFlu information to the Rural Retreat PTA.
  - Planner and MRC Coordinator made PanFlu and disaster preparedness planning presentation to the Smyth County Career and Technology Center Student Nursing Program.
  - Planner distributed PanFlu and emergency preparedness information to employees of the Southwest Virginia Mental Health Institute during a Wellness Fair.
- **New River**
  - Director, Infection Control Nurse, Epidemiologist and Planner continue taking every opportunity to communicate PanFlu preparedness to public agencies, private business, civic groups and faith organizations.
  - Epidemiologist and Planner made presentations for PanFlu preparedness/infectious outbreaks and COOP at a meeting hosted by Pulaski Community Hospital for long term care and assisted living facilities served by this hospital. A follow-up meeting will be conducted per attendees' request.
  - Director and Planner continuing dialogue with community service board and mental health officials regarding not only PanFlu/disease outbreak preparedness but also the VA Tech tragedy in the recovery phase as it relates to ESF 8.

- Planner made presentation on PanFlu / all hazards preparedness as it relates to public health and self-preparedness at a workshop for Disaster Services Clergy, which is a recently established group evolving from the VA Tech tragedy.
- Director, Sr. Nurse Manager, Infection Control Nurse, Epidemiologist, Planner and selected staff have finalized template with local school superintendents regarding school closure for a pandemic event.
- Epidemiologist met with largest private school in district regarding their pandemic preparations. Epidemiologist and Planner are working with the school's administration to prepare their plan.
- **Peninsula**
  - Planner continues to provide daily PanFlu updates from the Center for Infectious Disease Research & Policy (CIDRAP) to key players at each acute care facility, the military clinics and the emergency managers.
  - Director participated in a PanFlu Table Top Exercise sponsored by Fort Eustis, which focused on the communications and interactions with the community.
- **Piedmont**
  - PanFlu Educator conducted presentations on Prevention of Spread of Germs to nearly 1,000 pre-school and elementary, intermediate high school students. Also provided copies of Hand Washing and Cover Your Cough posters for classrooms and restrooms in three local school systems and delivered PanFlu materials to all staff and teachers at three local schools.
  - PanFlu Educator scheduled participation in local school health fair, as well as a spring festival within the District. Will provide pandemic and general preparedness information, as well as general health maintenance topics. Will utilize A/V equipment, Glow-Germ and other activities.
  - MRC volunteers are assisting with preparing materials for PanFlu Educator's presentations.
- **Pittsylvania Danville**
  - PanFlu Educator provided PanFlu programs and importance of PPE during a pandemic to the following first responder groups: Cascade VFD, Bachelors Hall VFD, Brosville VFD and the "640" Rescue Squad.
  - Conducted a Train-the-Trainer for squad chiefs to teach Pandemic Preparedness to absent and future squad members bringing the total of Rescue Squads and Fire Departments in Pittsylvania Co. and City of Danville that have been trained in Pandemic preparedness and response to 15.
  - Presented PanFlu preparedness program to a low income housing project and to 50 Senior Citizens at Mt. Herman Baptist Church. Provided them with PanFlu pamphlets and a copy of the State's PanFlu video.
  - Presented PanFlu program to the business managers at Lowe's Home Improvement Store who will pass out PanFlu pamphlets to their 165 store employees.
- **Portsmouth**
  - Educator traveled with Environmental Health Specialist to deliver hand washing and PanFlu brochures and posters to local restaurants.
  - Educator talked with Loudon County District PanFlu Educator to get more information about a past collaboration with their local Wal-Mart promoting PanFlu preparedness kits, and plans are underway to implement the same activity the District. An agreement has been reached with the local Wal-Mart to collaborate in celebrating Public Health Week; they have agreed to give away a \$50 individual preparedness kit

- every day that week. The model for those kits has already been created. PanFlu and preparedness will be the main topic throughout the week
- A new PanFlu presentation was created by the Educator specifically for assisted living and nursing home facilities.
  - Educator attended the VDH/Hospital PIO meeting in Norfolk.
  - Planner participated as a facilitator in the Virginia Beach PanFlu Tabletop Exercise.
  - Educator created and distributed bookmarks to the four local libraries promoting PanFlu preparedness presentations offered by the District.
  - Educator taught a hand washing class for the Navy Youth Program that reached about 60 children.
- **Prince William**
    - Planner and Nurse Manager continued to review District's Respiratory Plan to determine mask fitting needs and PPE training.
    - Discussing legal issues for PanFlu planning locally.
    - Planner reviewing best practices for PPE training with Portacount Fit Testing Machine.
    - Reviewed and updated of the District PanFlu Plan.
    - Planner and Nurse reviewed Portacount to address training goals and objectives along with requirements for mask fit testing.
    - Director and Planner began planning with Prince William County School System for the PanFlu exercise utilizing the free flu vaccines.
    - PSAs aired on local stations on sneezing etiquette called Sneezing 101.
  - **Rappahannock**
    - Planner conducted PanFlu training at the Rappahannock Regional Jail.
    - Director, Epidemiologist and Emergency Planner met with their Public Health Response Team (PHRT), which consists of 30 key District employees, to discuss organizational structure, planning and preparedness for a potential response to PanFlu.
    - Planner conducted a class on the MRC's role in PanFlu and other disaster preparedness to the Rappahannock Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) team.
    - Planner presented to the Rappahannock Health Advisory Council on PanFlu preparedness.
  - **Rappahannock-Rapidan**
    - Health Department staff gave out Pandemic Flu and Preparedness materials at three community presentations during March.
    - Health Department and local hospital staff responded to and managed influenza outbreaks at several local nursing homes, including education for nursing home staff and residents on Pandemic Influenza.
    - Information on Pandemic Influenza was mailed to all physicians offices in the health district.
    - The Health Districts' local Pandemic Flu brochure was translated into Spanish in preparation for upcoming Hispanic health fairs.
    - Staff continued arrangements for the upcoming speaker series on Emergency Preparedness and Pandemic Flu topics.
  - **Richmond City**
    - PanFlu presentation given to Richmond Ambulance Authority's new employees. Training CD of presentation made and training of all Richmond Ambulance Authority staff being scheduled by their training department.

- Training CD given to Richmond Fire Department and training of all staff being scheduled using training CD and live presentation of administrative staff being scheduled.
- **Roanoke/Alleghany County**
  - Nothing reported.
- **Southside**
  - Scheduled to distribute PanFlu and Infection Control outreach material during the Community Memorial Healthcenter Family Wellness Day.
  - Conducted a community outreach and PanFlu individual, community and church preparation presentation for the Bracey Ruritan and local community.
  - Completed the questionnaire for Church Pilot “Shut-in” mission.
  - Planner met with the Director of the Boydton Community Clinic about ways they could help the District in a PanFlu emergency, such as being a dispensing site.
  - Conducted PanFlu presentation for New Hope Baptist church for “Shut-in” pilot program.
  - Scheduled PanFlu and Infection Control presentation for nursing students at the Higher Education Learning Center in South Boston.
  - Scheduled PanFlu and Infection Control presentation for Crossroads Baptist Church Health Fair.
  - Solicited Bracey Ruritan Club as a possible POD for the community in the event of a pandemic.
  - Packaged and mailed or delivered 1,800 PanFlu and Infection Control handouts to 36 churches in the district for distribution to their congregation with their weekly bulletin.
- **Thomas Jefferson**
  - Researched and contacted local representatives and submitted orders for surgical masks for Departments of Social Services within Planning District 10 for distribution to populations <100% Federal Poverty Level in the event of a Flu Pandemic, as well as sets of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for the Community Triage Center.
- **Three Rivers**
  - Planner, Public Health Nurse, and MRC volunteer distributed handwashing and PanFlu literature at Gloucester County “Celebrate Healthy Families” event, the Gloucester County Daffodil Festival and the King William County Parks and Recreation Easter Egg Hunt.
  - Planner attended King William County School Health Advisory Board Meeting to discuss PanFlu planning and began initial planning stages for a county-wide PanFlu tabletop exercise to be held later this year.
  - Planner met with King William County Sheriff and presented him with a PanFlu COOP template.
  - Director made presentation to King William County Board of Supervisors, promoting PanFlu preparedness and promoting county-wide participation in a tentative, upcoming PanFlu tabletop exercise with the health district and public school system.
- **Virginia Beach**
  - The following good hygiene activity booklets were ordered and arrived in March to the City of Virginia Beach Public Schools warehouse awaiting distribution to school students: 5,000 copies of Clean Hands are Healthy for grades K-2; 21, 650 copies of Know What, We wash our hands for grades K-3; 11,850 copies of Who Knew? The Stop Germs & Illness Issue for grades 4 and 5.

- Discussion has begun on plans for a 2nd good hygiene poster contest in which school students will participate by competing to design the best poster demonstrating good hygiene.
- **West Piedmont**
  - Planner met with the Patrick County and Henry-Martinsville PanFlu planning committees. The District's role in a pandemic was explained, and the Priority Project for Schools was discussed with the both groups, including the Patrick County School Health Advisory Committee.
- **Western Tidewater**
  - Franklin/Southampton PanFlu committee continued outreach efforts and presentations to community and business groups.
  - Planner created a sample PanFlu packet for the Franklin/Southampton PanFlu committee. Committee plans to distribute packets to children at local and private schools within both district locales.
  - Epidemiologist and Planner met with Director to discuss future PanFlu tabletop exercise possibilities. To test the school district's PanFlu plans, Epidemiologist will propose a TTX possibility at April's School Board meeting.
  - The Suffolk Bio-terrorism Advisory Committee (BTAC) continues efforts on hazard planning and establishing Pan Flu and other preparedness plans for city agencies.