

**WELCOMING NOTE FROM Y.B. DATO' SRI LIOW TIONG LAI
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Greetings to all,

Thank you for visiting the Ministry of Health Malaysia's (MOH) website on Influenza A (H1N1). It is a dedicated website developed to provide all information related to the diseases for public consumption. This website also provides various useful guidelines and information for all levels of the community, including healthcare providers, public and other sectors. These guidelines were developed based on the latest information regarding Influenza A (H1N1) infection throughout the world.

The National Influenza Pandemic Preparedness Plan (NIPPP) is a comprehensive preparedness plan designed by MOH to handle pandemic influenza. This plan was developed in 2003 and was launched in 2006. It is being used to manage the current Pandemic Influenza A(H1N1) 2009. This plan was developed by a special committee comprising of experts from various fields, namely medical, public health, virology and risk communication. The plan was formulated based on the experiences of outbreaks that occurred locally and also in other countries, including the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) episodes that occurred in Malaysia in 2004, 2006 and 2007. In view of the possibilities, the expert committee had taken measures to consider various factors which included outbreaks other than the HPAI. The plan was developed in live with WHO recommendations.

A generic and holistic plan was thus developed which not only could be applied to manage influenza outbreaks but would apply a outbreak in Malaysia. Specific guidelines are reviewed and updated from time to time to best manage the Influenza A(H1N1) pandemic. It is important to point out that even though the current pandemic is not that of the HPAI, this preparedness plan is still applicable in managing the current Pandemic Influenza A(H1N1) situation in our country.

I hope the general public, professionals and other relevant sectors will find the information on this website useful in making informed decisions during this pandemic situation. Ministry of Health Malaysia will try its best to keep this website updated with latest development in order to ensure the continued health and safety of the nation.

“Together we strive to stop the spread of Influenza A (H1N1). Do your part!”.

Thank you.

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