

## VII. OPERATIONS

Overview - Operations is divided into 10 operational sections:

- A. Surveillance
- B. Laboratory Diagnostics
- C. Healthcare Planning
- D. Infection Control
- E. Clinical Guidelines
- F. Vaccine Distribution and Use
- G. Antiviral Drug Distribution and Use
- H. Community Disease Control and Prevention (including Managing Travel-Related Risk of Disease Transmission)
- I. Public Health Communications
- J. Psychosocial Considerations

Operational plans for each of the 10 sections contain an overview, the operation plan, and an appendix. Response actions have been categorized as “Watch,” “Alert” and “Response” to coincide with CDC terminology in the “CDC Influenza Pandemic Operation Plan” released July 11, 2007 (<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/pandemic/cdcplan.htm>).

Definitions have been modified and are as follows:

- Watch - maintain public health situational awareness while planning, preparing and training
- Alert - initiate decision-making processes for imminent activation, including mobilization and limited activation of resources and personnel
- Response - implement specific pandemic response actions.

In the operational plans for each of the 10 sections, all 17 NJDHSS situations may not appear if there is no action to be taken or no change in the response from the previous situation.

While not specifically mentioned in most of the operational plans, there will be training and exercising related to the plan.