

## 4.8 Infectious Disease Outbreak/Pandemic Outbreak

### Outbreak Response

**Definitions:**

**Infectious disease:** A disease caused by a biological agent such as a virus, bacterium, or parasite.

**Outbreak:** a sudden increase in the occurrence of a disease; used in epidemiology to describe a small, localized epidemic, often contained to a village or a small town.

**Epidemic:** means that the disease affects a region in a country or a group of countries.

**Pandemic:** used to describe a global epidemic.

**General Guidelines:**

Emergency action steps will depend upon the type of disease and whether the outbreak has occurred on or near any FAU campus. The University has developed plans to respond to such situations and has established lines of communication with appropriate civil authorities to obtain current information.

#### Prevention/Planning

##### Level 0 Response

**Trigger:** No consistent human to human transmission of disease

Continuation of services during a pandemic outbreak	
Policies/procedures and guidelines (include social distancing measures)	
Personnel: staffing, training and cross-training	
Communication planning	
Planning scenarios/drills	
Education of staff/students	
Fiscal issues (supplies, equipment, funding)	

#### Pandemic Watch

##### Level 1 Response

**Trigger:** Consistent human to human transmission has been confirmed in the US but not Florida.

Continue duties from previous Level	All
Policies/procedures and guidelines (include social distancing measures)	
Personnel: staffing/training and cross-training	
Communication planning	
Planning scenarios/drills	
Education of staff/students	
Fiscal issues (supplies, equipment, funding)	

**Pandemic Warning  
Level 2 Response**  
**Trigger:** Suspected/confirmed cases by the DOH in the State of Florida/FAU Service Areas.

Continue duties from previous Level	All
Policies/procedures and guidelines (include social distancing measures)	
Personnel: staffing/training and cross-training	
Communication planning	
Planning scenarios/drills	
Education of staff/students	
Fiscal issues (supplies, equipment, funding)	

**Pandemic Outbreak  
Level 3 Response**  
**Trigger:** Confirmed cases on any FAU campus.

Continue duties from previous Level	All
Policies/procedures and guidelines (include social distancing measures)	
Personnel: staffing/training and cross-training	
Communication planning	
Planning scenarios/drills	
Fiscal issues (supplies, equipment, funding)	

**Pandemic Recovery  
Level 4 Response**  
**Trigger:** Pandemic has been abated, FAU reopens.

Reconstitution of services/Termination of closure	
Policies/procedures and guidelines (include social distancing measures)	
Personnel: staffing/training and cross-training	
Communication planning	
Planning scenarios/drills	
Fiscal issues (supplies, equipment, funding)	