

# **Livingston County Department of Health Working With Area Counties to Prepare for Pandemic Flu**

The Finger Lakes Public Health Alliance (FLPHA), comprised of nine counties, is currently working to develop pandemic flu response plans. Utilizing guidance from both the state and federal governments, each county is working with key community partners to develop plans that will become an annex to each county's comprehensive emergency plan. The Pandemic Influenza Plans are to be completed by the end of August.

“While government officials at all levels will provide much of the leadership in responding to an outbreak of pandemic flu, it is critical to note that actions taken by individuals, businesses, schools, and community organizations will be key to minimizing illness and maintaining essential services in our communities,” said Joan H. Ellison, Livingston County Public Health Director. “Pandemic flu readiness must be everybody's business,” Mrs. Ellison added.

It is important to be prepared for any kind of emergency, whether it is pandemic flu, flood, electricity outage, ice or snow storms, etc. to protect yourself and your family.

**To learn more about preparing your family for the unexpected, please visit the American Red Cross website at [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) and click on *get prepared*.**

**To learn more about bird flu, please click on the fact sheet and the frequently asked questions links below.**

If you need more information or have questions regarding the avian flu, please contact the Livingston County Department of Health at 585-243-7270.

After hours, please call 243-7100 and ask for the Public Duty Officer.

**[Bird Flu Fact Sheet](#)**

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