

# 2019 Public Health and Healthcare Emergency Management Tabletop Exercise (TTX) Cardinal Resolve: The First Wave

## Exercise Details

**Date:** Thursday, June 13, 2019

**Time:** Registration starts at 9:30 AM; the exercise begins at 10:00 AM and runs until approximately to 2:00 PM

**Location:** Christopher Newport University Freeman Center Room 201, 1 Avenue of the Arts, Newport News VA 23606

**Registration:**

[https://2019\\_cardinal\\_resolve.eventbrite.com](https://2019_cardinal_resolve.eventbrite.com)

## Target Audience

All Eastern Virginia Healthcare Coalition Members are encouraged to attend; particularly: **Epidemiologists, Infection Prevention, Fire and EMS, Emergency Management, and Healthcare Community** partners.

## Exercise Purpose

The purpose of the 2019 Cardinal Resolve Tabletop Exercise is to outline the responsibilities of public health and community partners in conducting unified surveillance and investigation in the event of a public health emergency, and in developing and implementing a unified strategy for the management of medical surge that minimizes the impact on the healthcare system.

## Exercise Objectives

Discuss the ability of the Virginia Department of Health, Healthcare Coalitions and Private Sector partners to conduct unified surveillance and investigations in accordance with applicable plans, policies and procedures in response to a Public Health Threat.

Examine the ability of Healthcare and Public Health Emergency Management and Private Sector partners to discuss a unified strategy for the management of medical surge that minimizes impacts on the Healthcare system in accordance with current plans, policies and procedures in response to a Public Health Threat.

## Exercise Background

A novel strain of avian influenza, A(H7N2), has been identified. Human-to-human transmission was first observed in rural China, but has since spread throughout the Pacific and into North America. Thousands of people have become sick and hundreds have died so far. There is no vaccine, and antivirals are in short supply. A Virginia resident has just tested positive for this flu strain, the first. What do you do?

**This tabletop exercise will include the following elements**

1. Introduction and background on influenza A(H7N2) pandemic
2. Identification of initial case of influenza A(H7N2) in Virginia.
3. Increasing pandemic influenza morbidity and mortality, including hospital and decedent surge
4. Decreasing morbidity, preparation for second wave and vaccine distribution.
5. Hotwash and evaluation

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