

**EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY**

**INFECTION CONTROL PLAN**

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Infection Control Policy: Pandemic Influenza Reporting within ECU

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## **Pandemic Influenza Reporting within ECU**

**Scope:** Student Health Services reports infectious disease seen in their clinic to the county health department. ECU Infection Control similarly reports disease seen in the Brody Outpatient clinics.

Seasonal influenza is not a reportable disease, but identification of a novel influenza virus is reportable. If such a virus is detected, the county health department will be notified by the affected clinic.

**Purpose:** In order to facilitate the implementation of the *ECU Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Plan*:

1. If either Student Health Services or Prospective Health identifies a case of novel influenza, the occurrence will be reported to the Director of Prospective Health at the time it is reported to the Health Department. The case will then be reported to the ECU Pandemic Flu Steering Committee by Prospective Health. The Steering Committee is composed of the Director of Environmental Health and Safety, the Environmental Manager, The Director of Student Health, and the Director of Prospective Health (with the Infection Control Nurse as designee).
2. If a case of novel influenza is reported on the Pitt County Health Department's or North Carolina Division of Public Health's list serve, the Director of Prospective Health will contact the ECU Pandemic Flu Steering Committee to convene a meeting.
3. The ECU Pandemic Flu Steering Committee will contact the Office of the Chancellor to implement the *ECU Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Plan* as indicated, based upon these reports of local influenza.
4. Consultation between state or local health department officials and the Director of Prospective Health may occur in response to any notices of pandemic influenza within the region or state, as in 2 and 3 above. The Director will interface with the Pitt County Health Department for medical issues related to the *ECU Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Plan* on Campus.