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Date: October 21, 2014

To: Mayor & City Council

**From: Patrick H. West
City Manager**

**Subject: Infectious Disease
Emergency Response Plan**

**Comments: Supplemental
Information related to Agenda
Item #NB-31**

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Memorandum

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To: X Patrick H. West, City Manager *[Signature]*

From: Kelly Colopy, Director, Health and Human Services /s/

For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: Agenda Item #NB-31 - Infectious Disease Emergency Response Plan

Background

This memorandum responds to Agenda Item #NB-31 on the October 21, 2014 City Council agenda, and serves to provide a summary of the long-standing and existing efforts of the Health and Human Services Department (LBDHHS) with regard to public health emergencies, including plans in place for the control of infectious disease outbreaks.

The Public Health All Hazards Emergency Management Plan (All-Hazards Plan) outlines actions that the LBDHHS will take in response to a natural or manmade event that could impact public health. Each section of the All Hazards Plan addresses specific public health emergency situations. These sections include:

Response	
Department Operation Center Plan	Describes levels of activation and process for coordinating all responses related to emergency management, medical services, public health, environmental health, epidemiology, and health education/outreach.
Public Health Emergency and Outbreak Response Plan (PHERT)	The purpose of this plan is to establish a pre-designated, highly trained interdisciplinary team of public health professionals that are immediately available to conduct epidemiological disease investigations and assess community health needs, and to provide guidance for the rapid deployment of these teams for events requiring additional epidemiological and/or public health support during public health emergencies or disease outbreaks.
Isolation and Quarantine Plan	This operational plan provides the framework for authorizing, implementing and enforcing isolation and quarantine (I & Q) measures that the Health Officer or designee may utilize for the control of communicable disease. The Health Officer may invoke I & Q measures in response to a naturally occurring outbreak of communicable disease or an intentional release of a biological agent. The City Health Officer may implement I & Q measures in individual situations, or in response to a declared emergency.

Biological	
Pandemic Influenza Plan	The purpose of the Pandemic Influenza Response Plan is to provide a framework and guidelines for the Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services' response to pandemic influenza. The goal of the plan is to minimize morbidity and mortality and reduce disruption to critical social and medical services during a pandemic.
Smallpox Plan	Describes public health protocols for responding to smallpox disease outbreaks.
Natural/Environmental	
Heat Emergency Plan	Provides guidance to the Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services (LBDHHS) and its partner agencies in order to reduce the potential for harm to Long Beach residents caused by extreme heat conditions.
LBDHHS Disaster Plan	Describes protocols for public health response in case of a disaster caused by an earthquake, fire, flood, civil unrest or any other incident, which may threaten life, limb, property or the environment.
Bioterrorism	
Bioterrorism Plan	Describes LBDHHS' response procedures to a biological threat incident (accidental or intentional) and how to coordinate information among local, county, state and federal agencies to provide correct information to the public.
Mass Prophylaxis Plan	Describes the procedures necessary for LBDHHS and its response partners to conduct either oral or vaccination mass prophylaxis procedures for a public health emergency or routine flu season. This includes, but is not limited to man-made and naturally occurring events, such as infectious disease outbreaks, pandemic influenza, bioterrorism events, or other incidents

While not specifically referred to as an Infectious Disease Emergency Response Plan (IDER), as you can see, the Public Health All Hazards Emergency Management Plan encompasses the City's protocol for dealing with infectious diseases. The plan is reviewed annually, and training and drills are contained in the LBDHHS Multi-Year Training Plan and Public Health Emergency Preparedness program scope of work. Drills include Point of Dispensing (POD) exercises and tabletop, functional and full scale exercises with local, regional and state partners.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this information to you. I will be happy to speak to the item when it comes up on the Council agenda. If you have any questions, please contact me at 570-4016.

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