



## MEDWEB Pandemic Planning Toolset

TRAINING and COMMUNICATIONS RESOURCES for SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Nationwide, school districts face many challenges in planning for and responding to an infectious disease outbreak such as influenza or other public health emergency. Additionally, school systems are particularly critical in their role in community-wide outreach associated with children's health and well-being in times of emergency.

Medweb has developed a suite of tools for school districts to access public health information through customizable web-based resources for preparedness and response to a broad range of public health issues.

### Key Resources:

- Fully customizable Preparedness and Response Letter Builder for students, parents, and staff
- Emergency preparedness plans, checklists and posters
  - Planning guides
  - Special populations
  - Multilingual resources
  - Training material
- Customizable Online Training Program courses and animated videos for self-paced learning



“Medweb empowers schools and communities to take responsibility for protecting their health.”

### Key Benefits:

- Customize a Toolset for your organization's preparedness needs
- Improve communication between school district nurses and administrators with students and parents/guardians
- Enhance knowledge of common infectious diseases and public health reporting protocols
- Promote healthy habits and prevent illness in schools and communities.

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### The Pandemic Planning Toolset

The Toolset is a preparedness and communication module for school districts. The Toolset's scalable and customizable web-based design contains hundreds of resources including:

- Preparedness and response Letter Builder feature for communication with parents, students and staff;
- Infectious disease information on the top 15 illnesses common in schools, and resources for prevention, control and monitoring;
- Training material and posters for students, parents, staff; and community;
- Emergency preparedness and response plan templates and checklists for schools and childcare providers;
- Modifiable public health resources locally designed for individual jurisdictions.

All are designed to assist schools and communities to promote healthy habits and properly respond to public health issues and other emergencies.

### Online Training Program

Designed for the needs of school district nurses and administrators, the Online Training Program provides audiences with 20-30 minute web-based courses on a variety of public health topics and issues. The courses seek to reinforce correct protocols for reporting communicable diseases, dispel myths and misinformation about common diseases in schools such as influenza and MRSA, and encourage healthy habits and dispel myths and misinformation about common diseases in schools.

The Online Training Program are self-paced interactive presentations on course topics that:

- Reinforce the correct protocols for reporting communicable diseases in schools;
- Dispel myths and misinformation about common diseases in schools, such as MRSA and influenza;
- Encourage healthy habits in schools and communities;
- Inform early childcare providers and families about flu preparedness;
- Raise awareness about the importance of flu vaccination to protect communities.

### Letter Builder

A fully customizable Preparedness and Response Letter Builder for parents, students, staff and administrators

This Letter Builder feature enables school nurses and administrators to create preparedness and/or response letters notifying students, parents/guardians and staff about emerging public health issues.

The Letter Builder consists of a series of letter templates that are assembled online by the school nurse or administrator based on the specific public health issue and target audience. The Letter Builder generates a document that can be signed, sent by email and downloaded with other attachments.

### Intended Audience for the Toolset:

✦ School Nurses ✦ School Administrators/Principals ✦ Emergency Managers ✦ Risk Managers ✦ Parents/Guardians ✦ General Public