



Waimakariri District Community Pandemic Plan

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Introduction

The purpose of this plan is to give a pre determined actions in the event of a pandemic outbreak in the Waimakariri District Area and is for the area covered by the twelve Medical Centers within the Waimakariri District

The District:

Description

With an approximate population of 42,834 Waimakariri District is bounded by the Waimakariri River to the south, the Puketeraki Range to the west, the Pacific Ocean just south of Leithfield to the Waimakariri River in the east, and the northern boundary following a line from the Puketeraki Range through North Loburn, Loburn, the southern fringe of Ashley Forest to Balcairn and east along Garty's Road to the sea. A more detailed reference may be obtained from DOSLI Map Waimakariri District. Within the District there are four major built up areas.

Major Centres

Rangiora

Population 12,444. Rangiora is the largest of the townships and main service centre for the District. There are four schools Rangiora Borough, Ashgrove, Southbrook Rangiora New Life and St Joseps as well as the Rangiora High School.

Kaiapoi

Population 10,239. It is also the service centre for the coastal communities of Pine/Kairaki beach settlement. The town is split by the Kaiapoi River and there are two large supermarkets either side of the river that divides a main street shopping area. This was once a river port. There are three Schools Kaiapoi Borough, Kaiapoi North and St Patricks as well as the Kaiapoi High School

Oxford

Population 1,716. Situated at the base of the foothills, Oxford services the down land/plains farmlands. There are general amenities with one Oxford area school that includes a High School.

Woodend

Population 2,616. This is a rapidly growing area with SH 1 running through it. There are two schools Waikuku and Woodend.

General

The District is one of the fastest growing areas in New Zealand (15% growth) with the development of a new township “Pegasus” just north of Woodend this new township is estimated by the developer to house approx 5000 people. The district is also experiencing a large rural lifestyle growth.

Medical Centers:

Oxford:

- Oxford Community Health Centre 39 Park Avenue

Rangiora:

- Medical Corner Doctors 237 High Street Rangiora
- Doctors on Blakett 31 Blakett Street Rangiora
- Good Street Medical Center, 17 Good Street Rangiora
- Rangiora Medical Center, 205 King Street Rangiora
- Southside Health 52 Charles Street Rangiora
- Lorna Martin 36 Victoria Street Rangiora

Kaiapoi;

- Kaiapoi Medical Centre 69 Fuller Street,
- Kaiapoi Clinic, 77 Hilton Street.
- Kaiapoi Family Doctors 52 Charles Street.
- Kaye Buchan Medical Center 131 Raven Quay

Woodend;

- Woodend Medical Centre 51 Main North Road

Code Yellow LEVEL ONE

In the event of a code Yellow (i.e. early stages of a possible Pandemic, small numbers of suspect/confirmed Flu cases)

All medical centers will continue to operate as normal, with provision for physical separation of possible (RED) flu patients from non Flu (GREEN) patients

- Hospitals and Medical centers to operate as normal
- Notices and masks to be placed at entrances
- Staff advised of procedures to follow when patients phone or self-present.
- *Patients remain in their cars parked in or near the medical center entrances If no park then sit in designated seat near car park. TRIAGE.*
- Patients should be encouraged to first contact by telephone

- Planning meetings to be held to complete Pandemic Plan with Medical Centers, Civil Defence, Pharmacy, Tuahiwi Marae , Public Health Nurse, St John, and other interested parties.
- Staffing (Including retired or not working) asked to re-confirm availability and preferences for working during pandemic. CBAC, Green + Red stream staff to be allocated and option of expansion of District Nursing Service for Green + Red stream home visits.
- Need for equipment and supplies needed for expected increase in patients and splitting of services into Red and Green Stream and CBAC
- Laundry – Local Launderette
- Confirm with Civil Defence where bodies will be held (Cool Stores)

CODE RED: LEVEL ONE

Community Based Assessment Center (CBAC)

Set Up CBAC

The District CBAC will be set up in Rangiora at the Rangiora Baptist Church in East Belt Rangiora

This building is on a large section with plenty of car parks. In front of the building is a house that has been identified as a Screening Unit which has good flow through reception and back out to the car park.

The main hall has a large reception entrance with two large halls to the left and right that can be used to separate Flu only and Flu + patients as recommended in the Guidance for the Establishment and Operation of a CBAC”

The Centre will operate as a RED Center (CBAC) it will provide services to patients with symptoms of Flu and medical problems arising from the flu. It will not provide services to patients with non flu medical problems those patients will be referred through to the relevant Rangiora and Kaiapoi medical centers for treatment

Tamiflu

Agreed that Tamiflu will be kept on site, however this may need to be reviewed if security becomes an issue.

Also Tamiflu can be dispensed by telephone consultations at the nurse or GP's discretion.

Death Management:

The Police role will be determined by the volume of deaths to be attended to, the ability of attendant services to carry out their function, cultural expectations, and procedures for the continued investigation of unidentified persons and disposal of deceased found to have died of a violent or unnatural cause. The legislative requirement for reporting particular deaths to a Coroner will continue to be observed.

Coordination of a number of agencies will be required in order to provide for and carry out activities prior to, during and after a pandemic emergency relating to the access to, uplifting, reconciliation and disposal of the dead from an event.

Points to consider

- Total deaths for one year may occur within an eight week period
- Ensure good communications with Maori
- May run out of caskets, bodies will go into body bags once identified
- Funeral home doors will be closed, all work taken over telephones
- Possibly no cremations until body sighted this could be time consuming
- Cemeteries : need to identify which sites for mass burial
- May need to store Bodies (Refrigeration)

Storage and Refrigeration

If storage of bodies is required because they cannot be prepared for burial or cremation in a timely manner or because the remains are unidentified (e.g. homeless people . **The ARL Coolstores located at 103 Hilton Street Kaiapoi** has been identified as a suitable storage facility)

Staff Accommodation:

Temporary accommodation for staff rostered to work at the CBAC is to be provided by RCPHO there is a need for an Agreement between THE RCPHO and the “Lilybrook CBAC Centre and wish to stay at this accommodation whilst rostered to work .rather than return to their homes at the end of each shift.

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CODE RED; LEVEL TWO

In the event of a code RED (Response Phase to Pandemic)

In the event of a flue Pandemic being declared, it is anticipated that normal services provided from these Medical Centers will cease (It is possible that in the early stages of a CODE RED (code red level 1) numbers of flue cases will be small enough for individual medical centers to continue working and access equipment etc from the Rangiora CBAC

CODE RED Level 2 (Numbers of Flu patients increasing)

The medical Centers in _____ & _____ & _____ will close as service providers

(They may well have a continuing function as call centers)

The _____ & _____ Medical Centers will operate as GREEN Centers; i.e. they will only provide services to patients who present without symptoms of Flu for non-Flu medical treatment.

Kaiapoi Area:

Green patients will go to their own Medical Centers for screening.
Red Patients will go to the “Screening Center” at St Patricks Hall Fuller Street Kaiapoi

Woodend Area:

Green patients will go to the Woodend Medical Center
Red Patients will go to the CBAC Centre in East Belt Rangiora

Rangiora Area

Green patients will go to their own Medical Center for treatment
Red Patients will go to the CBAC Centre in East Belt Rangiora

Oxford Area

Green patients will go to the Oxford Community Health Center
Red Patients will go to the CBAC Centre in East Belt Rangiora

Additional CBAC Staffing

Due to the small numbers of clinical staff in the District, it may well be that it will be impossible to maintain running Red and Green Medical Centers, in which case alternative plans will presumably involving either:

1. Staff being mobilized from Christchurch to man the Waimakariri District Red and green centers or;
2. Patients being directed to appropriate Centers in Hurunui, or Christchurch

Oxford and Rangiora Hospitals

It is anticipated that the Rangiora and Oxford Hospitals will continue its normal functions and will not be admitting Flu patients

Annex 1 Pandemic Impact

