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### **Illinois Department of Public Health Faith-Based Emergency Preparedness Initiative**

This resource offers a clear example of how we can collaborative can work with faith-based organizations. The website features a video from the State Health Director outlining the problem and the plan for preparing the community for disasters.

[www.idph.state.il.us/planready/index.htm](http://www.idph.state.il.us/planready/index.htm)

### **Ethics in the Worst of Times: Rationing to Protect the Public's Health during a Severe Influenza Pandemic**

Who should be first to receive scarce health-related resources in a severe pandemic? How should scarce resources like antivirals, masks, vaccines, and ventilators be rationed? How will you communicate a public health perspective to your community, supporting rationing strategies to further our common good? How will you educate them and enlist their support of a state-wide plan to ration these resources in ways intended to save the most lives, preserve public safety and order, and be fair?

Ethicists in Minnesota have worked with state and local public health agencies and a diverse community panel to develop an ethical framework to guide the Minnesota Department of Health's decisions in the midst of a severe pandemic, for the statewide rationing of a range of critical health-related resources for prevention, treatment and personal protection.

On June 5, 2008, they presented their ethical framework, consisting of principles, goals, and strategies; and the vexing ethical issues associated with deciding which groups should be prioritized to receive these vital resources when everyone is, in varying ways and to varying extents, at risk.

Video links are available online. The 2-part video stream includes:

- Pandemic Ethics panel discussion
- Exercises and Q&A

<http://cpheo.sph.umn.edu/cpheo/ethics/home.html>

### **Protect IOWA Health Campaign**

Protect Iowa Health Campaign provides a free Emergency Guidebook for the public. Online public service announcements for TV, radio and print are also featured encouraging every household to:

- Develop A Communication Plan
- Assemble an Emergency Kit

[www.protectiowahealth.org/](http://www.protectiowahealth.org/)

### **Public Health Games**

This site is sponsored by the [Center for the Advancement of Distance Education](#) (CADE), at the School of Public Health at the University of Illinois at Chicago. [www.publichealthgames.com](http://www.publichealthgames.com)

### **Preparedness Web Design of the Month: Ohio Prepared**

<http://sph.osu.edu/cphp/>