

WHO so that situation can be jointly assessed and a decision made by the affected country if implemental rapid pandemic containment operation is warranted.

In Phase 4: Indicates a significant increase pandemic but does not necessarily mean that a pandemic is a forgone conclusion.

In Phase 5: Is characterized by human-to-human spread of the virus into at least two countries WHO region. While most countries will not be affected at this stage, the declaration of Phase strong signal that a pandemic is imminent and that the time to finalize the organization, com and Implementation of the planned mitigation measures is short.

In Phase 6: The pandemic phase, is characterized by community level outbreaks in at least one country in a different WHO region in addition to the criteria defined in Phase 5. Designation phase will indicate that a global pandemic is under way.

Conclusion

Although Swine flue has been declared pandemic by WHO and it has almost involved about 180 countries across six continents and till now there are about 800 deaths throughout the world including 3 in Bangladesh there is no need to panic. Increase public awareness, simple preventative measures as described, if followed will contain the infection. Adequate and strict preventive measures, identification and isolation of suspected cases, appropriate supportive treatment, treatment of diagnosed case with antiviral drugs and vaccination of susceptible, when vaccine is available if followed will reduce the morbidity and mortality in this pandemic.

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