

## Possible effects of a pandemic

Everyone will be affected by a pandemic; either by treating and healing from the illness caused by the pandemic or by dealing with the pandemic's negative effect on day-to-day supply of goods and services.

### Locally:

- Increased illness among all sectors of the population. The [Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region](#) estimates 87,000 in the area would become ill, with up to 40,000 requiring outpatient care. Up to 700 people would require hospitalization and up to 250 could die.
- Increased absenteeism in all sectors of the workforce (e.g. Police officers, firefighters, paramedics, health care workers, transit operators, essential services municipal workers, gas station/retail personnel)
- Closed schools, theatres, churches
- House quarantine
- Reduced availability of goods
- Reduction in non-essential services

### Provincially:

- Increased illness among all sectors of the population. [Saskatchewan Health](#) estimates that up to 2,800 people would require hospitalization in the province with up to 1,000 residents dying from influenza or complications arising from it
- Reduced availability of goods
- Reduction in non-essential services

### Nationally:

- If a pandemic reached Canada, the pandemic would have its maximum effect on the population within 5-7 months and could last up to 18 months.
- Many areas across Canada will experience same problems at approximately the same time, which may impact goods and services
- No assistance from other provinces or jurisdictions to help out nationally
- Reduction in non-essential services
- Embargo on goods and travel to and from other countries
- Likely disruption in transportation of goods (groceries, fuel, medicine etc.)
- National economy may be negatively impacted
- **Additional potential effects:**
  - Restricted travel
  - Forced vaccinations
  - Mass death burial plans
  - Non-traditional health care facilities