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The Regional Municipality of York to hold Influenza Pandemic Exercise – Monday, October 23rd

“Operation Flu Ready” will address emergency response to an Influenza Pandemic outbreak

NEWMARKET – The Regional Municipality of York will be conducting “Operation Flu Ready”, an emergency training exercise on Monday, October 23rd from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The exercise will address emergency response and decision-making processes, emphasizing communications, public information, emergency response coordination, resource integration, problem identification and resolution relating to an Influenza Pandemic outbreak situation.

Approximately 200 emergency planners, senior staff and politicians from across York Region, representing the Regional Municipality of York, our nine municipalities and several organizations will be involved.

Participants will be seated at tables by sector and will be presented with an evolving Influenza Pandemic outbreak scenario over the span of the day. Participants will assess the potential impacts on the delivery of essential services and programs to the residents of York Region and how to mitigate those effects.

This interactive workshop will take place at The Manor, on the grounds of the Carrying Place Golf and Country Club, located at 16750 Weston Road in King Township (see to map below).



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