



Handling the
Pandemic in Finland
Nordic Health
Preparedness
Conference, Denmark 2.-
Olli Haikala 10/11/2009
4.- September 2009

Olli Haikala Ministry of Social Affairs and Health

National preparedness plan for influenza pandemic 2006

- Strategic and technical instructions and recommendations
- Guidelines for flu pandemic at all administrative levels of health care, support other administrative sectors

The Government civilian crisis management model

- Intersectoral coordination by permanent secretaries and meeting of the heads of preparedness
- MOH is the national authority
- Pandemic coordination group in MOH

Pre pandemic containment phase

- Influenza A (H1/N1) generally dangerous according decree (29/4-09)
- All cases and contacts traced
- Basic responsibility in special health care

Mitigation phase

- Influenza A (H1/N1)v decree amendment 27/7-09
- Contacts and cases not traced
- Basic responsibility in primary health care

Situational picture

- Case surveillance by National Institute for Health and Welfare (THL)
- MOH monitor health care and social care services (not started yet)

Steering social and health care system

- MOH steers all levels of the system
- THL has an important role
- MOH and THL gives recommendations to other government sectors