

## **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this operational plan is to:

- A. Prepare the NJ Department of Health and Senior Services (NJDHSS) to respond to an influenza pandemic;
- B. Help minimize morbidity and mortality
- C. Support the NJ State Pandemic Influenza Response Plan, which is an attachment to Emergency Support Function #8 - "Health & Emergency Medical Annex" of the State of NJ Emergency Operations Plan;
- D. Coordinate internal NJDHSS response activities; and
- E. Provide guidance and information to Local Information Network and Communications System (LINCS) agencies, Local Health Departments (LHDs), and healthcare partners and other stakeholders in the development of their influenza pandemic plans.