

Scenario Assumptions

- Severe Pan-Flu Strain (1918 Conditions) with 25% attack rate
- Flu cases rapidly accumulate; no vaccine; everyone susceptible
- 8-week crisis period predicted
- Care demands > Ability of HCWs to treat flu patients & maintain other essential services
- Convergence on hospitals could readily spread flu

Local Newspaper Headlines

- Nursing homes swamped by early hospital discharges
- Flu quiets delivery rooms – babies born at home
- Psych patients turned out to make room for flu patients
- Cancer victims anxious over delayed surgeries & chemo treatments