

# Pandemic Phases

Period	Global phase	Australian phase	Description of phase	
Inter-pandemic		Aus 0 <b>Current Phase in Australia</b>	No circulating animal influenza subtypes in Australia that have caused human disease.	
	1	Overseas 1	Animal infection overseas: the risk of human infection or disease is considered low.	
		Aus 1	Animal infection in Australia: the risk of human infection or disease is considered low.	
	2	Overseas 2	Animal infection overseas: substantial risk of human disease.	
		Aus 2	Animal infection in Australia: substantial risk of human disease.	
	Pandemic alert	3	Overseas 3 <b>Current Phase overseas</b>	Human infection overseas with new subtype(s) but no human to human spread or at most rare instances of spread to a close contact.
Aus 3			Human infection in Australia with new subtype(s) but no human to human spread or at most rare instances of spread to a close contact.	
4		Overseas 4	Human infection overseas: small cluster(s) consistent with limited human to human transmission, spread highly localised, suggesting the virus is not well adapted to humans.	
		Aus 4	Human infection in Australia: small cluster(s) consistent with limited human to human transmission, spread highly localised, suggesting the virus is not well adapted to humans.	
5		Overseas 5	Human infection overseas: larger cluster(s) but human to human transmission still localised, suggesting the virus is becoming increasingly better adapted to humans, but may not yet be fully adapted (substantial pandemic risk).	
		Aus 5	Human infection in Australia: larger cluster(s) but human to human transmission still localised, suggesting the virus is becoming increasingly better adapted to humans, but may not yet be fully adapted (substantial pandemic risk).	
Pandemic		6	Overseas 6	Pandemic overseas—not in Australia: increased and sustained transmission in general population.
			Aus 6a	Pandemic in Australia: localised (one area of country).
	Aus 6b		Pandemic in Australia: widespread.	
	Aus 6c		Pandemic in Australia: subsided.	
	Aus 6d		Pandemic in Australia: next wave.	

These six phases would be followed by a Recovery Stage.

(Details correct at June 2006)



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