



South Carolina Prepares for Pandemic Influenza: An Ethical Perspective

State Summit

- Who:** The **S.C. Pandemic Influenza Ethics Task Force**
- What:** State Summit
- When:** Wednesday, July 15, 2009—2 to 4 p.m.
- Where:** S.C. Hospital Association
1000 Center Point Road
Columbia, SC, 29210
(803) 796-3080
- Register:** There is no registration fee. Seating is limited so register early. Please register online through the link below:
<http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/?p=WEB229AHPYP9XG>
- If you do not have internet access, please call Donna Culbreath at (803) 898-3785 or Phyllis Beasley at (803) 898-4557.

that have been developed by this task force will be presented to the public at this statewide summit. The task force invites the public's opinions and input as we discuss challenges that may confront us during a pandemic outbreak in South Carolina.

At this summit, the task force will unveil the draft of "[South Carolina Prepares for Pandemic Influenza: An Ethical Perspective](http://www.scdhec.gov/administration/ophp/pandemic-ethics.htm)." This report, viewed at <http://www.scdhec.gov/administration/ophp/pandemic-ethics.htm>, presents recommendations in the event that difficult choices are made. This report will help the public understand the decision-making process.

For persons unable to attend the meeting in Columbia, participation is also available—on a limited basis—on the Web at <http://scha.acrobat.com/pandemicflu/>.

As the world enters its first influenza pandemic in 41 years, difficult decisions about medical care, medical resources, and personnel may have to be made. It is important that citizens, businesses and healthcare providers understand the types of decisions that may need to be made and actions that may need to be taken. The S.C. Pandemic Influenza Ethics Task Force, a coalition of state/public agencies, healthcare providers, community partners, universities and legal professionals formed in October 2008, has been working to identify and address these difficult issues. The recommendations

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