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## **Macomb County pandemic response conference**

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. – Experts believe it is not a question of “if” a pandemic will hit the United States, but “when.” How will this affect professionals working in fields such as home health care, senior health care, community/public housing and related businesses?

To answer those questions and to ensure that local businesses and organizations are prepared for such an emergency, the Macomb County Health Department and the Macomb County Department of Senior Citizen Services are holding a pandemic response and strategic planning conference.

“We really want to provide a forum to network, discuss and understand the issues related to emergency planning during a pandemic outbreak,” said Angela Willis, director of Macomb County Senior Citizen Services. “We also plan on providing direction and suggestions to help others develop their own strategic plans for continuation of services in the event of a pandemic.”

Sponsored by Affordable HomeCare, and also in collaboration with the Area Agency on Aging 1-B, Senior Alliance and the Oakland County Health Department, the conference will feature speakers Nelson E. Fabian, executive director and CEO of the National Environmental Health Association, and Dr. Eden Wells, a consultant and epidemiologist at the Michigan Department of Community Health.

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Fabian's presentation will give an overview of pandemic influenza, while Wells' will discuss what health providers will need to know in the event of a pandemic.

Also speaking at the event will be Bobbi Knapp of the Macomb County Senior Citizen Services Department, George Miller of the Oakland County Health Department and Sherri King of the Office of Services to the Aging.

The conference will run from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24, at the William M. Costick Activities Center, 28600 11 Mile Road in Farmington Hills.

Those wishing to attend must fill out a registration form and mail it, along with a \$50 attendance fee to: Affordable HomeCare, 20270 Middlebelt Road, Livonia, MI, 48125.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided. To get a registration form, or for more information, call the Macomb Health Department Emergency Preparedness Program at 586-469-2110 or visit

[www.macombcountymi.gov/publichealth/EPP/emergencypreparednessprogram.htm](http://www.macombcountymi.gov/publichealth/EPP/emergencypreparednessprogram.htm).

### **About Macomb County**

Macomb County is an enriching community in Southeastern Michigan that has one of the state's fastest rates of growth. Its 834,000 residents make it Michigan's third-largest county, with direct access to Lake St. Clair and Anchor Bay, and a host of cultural and entertainment options. Its highly skilled workforce and investment in new and expanding businesses make it open to enterprise. Active civic leadership translates into balanced budgets and Michigan's second-lowest tax rate. An increasingly diverse population and high quality of life make Macomb County accessible to all.

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