

# Measuring a flu outbreak

*How the World Health Organization assesses the potential for a global influenza outbreak:*

## Phase



No viruses circulating among animals have caused infections in humans



Virus among animals has caused infections in humans; considered a threat



Animal virus or animal-human virus causes some cases or small clusters of flu; doesn't spread easily



Human-to-human transmission of flu causes sustained outbreaks in a community



Flu spreads to at least two countries, causing bigger outbreaks



More outbreaks in at least two world regions; pandemic under way