

**Quarantine Act 1908 (section 74AA)  
Health Announcement for Incoming Travellers  
Pandemic Influenza**

**Scenario A:**

**The World Health Organization (WHO) has issued overseas pandemic alert level 4, and Health Declaration Cards (HDC) are on board the aircraft.**

This is an important health announcement. Please listen carefully to the following information from the Australian Government.

The World Health Organization has issued a health alert about pandemic influenza. Pandemic influenza is a serious form of the influenza virus which is currently affecting a large number of people in many countries, causing many deaths.

To assist in controlling the spread of pandemic influenza, and to help anyone who might be affected, the Australian Government has implemented a number of new measures at the airport. Travellers will be required to pass by thermal scanners and all passengers and crew on this flight will complete a Health Declaration Card. This card will provide you with important information about pandemic influenza and collect some information from you in case you need assistance.

The Health Declaration Card will be provided to you at the same time as the Incoming Passenger Card. The Health Declaration Card will ask if you are experiencing a fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, headache or muscle aches and pains, or if you have been in contact with someone with severe respiratory illness in the last seven days. If you are experiencing these symptoms, you probably do not have pandemic influenza – but it is important for your own health, and to protect others, that you inform a member of the flight crew. You may require medical attention – if you do, this can be organised for you. Also the Captain of the aircraft is required to notify the ground staff of anyone on board who could be suffering from an infectious disease.

Could you please complete all the questions on the Health Declaration Card carefully and clearly before leaving the aircraft, and hand the completed card to a customs officer during normal customs clearance.

If you have any questions about the Health Declaration Card or you need help understanding the card, please ask a member of the flight crew.

**Scenario B:**

**World Health Organization (WHO) has issued overseas pandemic alert level 4, Health Declaration Cards are not on board the aircraft.**

This is an important health announcement. Please listen carefully to the following information from the Australian Government.

The World Health Organization has issued a health alert about pandemic influenza. Pandemic influenza is a serious form of the influenza virus which is currently affecting a large number of people in many countries, causing many deaths.

To assist in controlling the spread of pandemic influenza, and to help anyone who might be affected, the Australian Government has implemented a number of new measures at the airport. Travellers will be required to pass by thermal scanners and all passengers and crew on this flight will complete a Health Declaration Card. This card will provide you with

important information about pandemic influenza and collect some information from you in case you need help.

The Health Declaration Card will ask if you are experiencing a fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, headache or muscle aches or pains, or if you have been in contact with someone with severe respiratory illness in the last seven days. If you are experiencing these symptoms, you probably do not have pandemic influenza – but it is important for your own health, and to protect others, that you inform a member of the flight crew. You may require medical attention – if you do, this can be organised for you. Also the Captain of the aircraft is required to notify the ground staff of anyone on board who could be suffering from an infectious disease.

There will be a short delay while the Health Declaration Cards are brought on board. (Insert the name of airline) asks that you remain seated while this occurs. The card will be handed to you shortly by a member of the flight crew. Once you receive the card could you please complete all the questions on the Health Declaration Card carefully and clearly before leaving the aircraft, and hand the completed card to a customs officer during normal customs clearance.

If you have any questions about the Health Declaration Card or you need help understanding the card, please ask a member of the flight crew.

**Scenario C:**

**The Australian Government has raised the alert levels in a pre-pandemic situation; Health Declaration Cards are on board the aircraft.**

This is an important health announcement. Please listen carefully to the following information from the Australian Government.

Recently there have been outbreaks of Avian Influenza in a number of countries. This is a serious form of influenza and the Australian Government is concerned about the potential for it to spread to Australia. To address this concern the Australian Government has implemented some special public health measures.

To assist anyone who might be affected, the Australian Government requires that all passengers and crew on this flight complete a Health Declaration Card. You are requested to complete all the questions carefully and correctly before leaving the aircraft and hand the completed card to a customs officer during normal customs clearance.

The Health Declaration Card will ask if you are experiencing a fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, headache or muscle aches or pains or if you have been in contact with someone with severe respiratory illness in the last seven days. If you are experiencing these symptoms, you probably do not have Avian Influenza – but it is important for your own health, and to protect others, that you inform a member of the flight crew. You may require medical attention – if you do, this can be organised for you.

The Captain is required to notify the ground staff of anyone on board who could be suffering from an infectious disease.

If you have any questions about the Health Declaration Card or you need help understanding the card, please ask a member of the flight crew.

**Scenario D:**

**The Australian Government has raised the alert levels in a pre-pandemic situation; Health Declaration Cards are not on board the aircraft.**

This is an important health announcement. Please listen carefully to the following information from the Australian Government.

Recently there have been outbreaks of Avian Influenza in a number of countries. This is a serious form of influenza and the Australian Government is concerned about the potential for it to spread to Australia. To address this concern the Australian Government has implemented some special public health measures.

To assist anyone who might be affected, the Australian Government requires that all passengers and crew on this flight complete a Health Declaration Card. This card will provide you with important information about Avian Influenza. You are requested to complete all the questions carefully and completely before leaving the aircraft and hand the completed card to a customs officer with your passport during normal customs clearance.

The Health Declaration Card will ask if you are experiencing a fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, headache or muscle aches or pains, or if you have been in contact with someone with severe respiratory illness in the last seven days. If you are experiencing these symptoms, you probably do not have Avian Influenza – but it is important for your own health, and to protect others, that you inform a member of the flight crew. You may require medical attention – if you do, this can be organised for you.

Also the Captain is required to notify the ground staff of anyone on board who could be suffering from an infectious disease.

There will be a short delay while the Health Declaration Cards are brought on board. (Insert the name of airline) asks that you remain seated while this occurs. The card will be handed to you shortly by a member of the flight crew.

If you have any questions about the Health Declaration Card or you need help understanding the Health Declaration Card, please ask a member of the flight crew.