

# City of Buffalo

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

### Department of Health

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Commissioner of Public Safety

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Acting Health Commissioner

## *To the Public:*

In order to check the progress of Epidemic Influenza in Buffalo, the City Council has ordained.

1. All cases of Influenza (Epidemic Influenza, Spanish Influenza), Pneumonia, (all forms), Broncho-Pneumonia, must be reported to the Department of Health immediately on discovery.

2. Strict quarantine must be maintained. No persons other than members of the family, physician, nurse or necessary attendants, are permitted to enter a house where such diseases exist.

3. In case of death from Influenza (Epidemic Influenza, Spanish Influenza), Pneumonia, all forms, including Broncho-Pneumonia; the undertaker shall cause the body to be buried within twenty-four hours after death, and shall proceed direct from the place where the patient died to the burial ground. No person shall attend such funeral other than the absolutely necessary attendants and the immediate family of the deceased. All bodies brought into the City in which the cause of death is given as any of the diseases mentioned above may be taken to an undertaking establishment where the coffin may be opened for the purpose of identifying the dead body. The coffin must then be immediately closed and not again re-opened. The undertaker shall cause such body to be buried within twenty-four hours after its arrival in Buffalo, and shall proceed direct from such undertaking establishment to the burial ground.

4. Beginning at 5 o'clock A. M. on Friday, October 11th, all large indoor public gatherings are prohibited until further orders, except such gatherings as have the sanction of the Health Commissioner. This closing order includes public and parochial schools, Sunday schools, churches, theatres, moving picture shows, dance halls and saloons.

5. No visitors are allowed at hospitals. Exception will only be made in critical illness of the patient.

6. The police of the City of Buffalo are instructed to strictly enforce these regulations.

7. All persons having knowledge of any violation of these regulations are requested to report them to the police.

8. An appeal is hereby made to all citizens of Buffalo to conscientiously co-operate in the enforcement of the above regulations, and in every way possible assist the Mayor and Health Commissioner in stamping out this pandemic which has obtained such a serious grip on many communities of this entire country.

9. A few simple rules for the prevention of Influenza and its complications may be summarized as follows:

Personal cleanliness. Wash your hands before each meal. Get all the fresh air possible. Avoid the person who coughs and sneezes. Dress comfortably. Avoid places that are known to be affected. Do not enter a home where any person is sick unless it is necessary for you to do so. Prevent catching cold. Keep your house at a moderate temperature. Cover up your coughs and sneezes so they will not spread disease. Sleep Well. Play Well. Eat Well. Do not visit your neighbor, and do not allow your neighbor to visit you. Drink plenty of water. Use cathartics freely. Don't worry.

10. Because of the impossibility to convey to every interested person the recently enacted ordinances as well as the advice outlined above, this notice is given to the citizens of Buffalo by publications in the newspapers.