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The National Collaborating Centre for Infectious Diseases (NCCID) will address the present and future risks of emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases in Canada. The International Centre for Infectious Diseases Inc., whose mandate is to serve as a catalyst for progress and collaboration in infectious diseases research, training and applied science, is the sponsor of NCCID.

The National Collaborating Centre on Infectious Diseases focuses on addressing the present and future risks of emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases. NCCID works to complement and build on ongoing research into infectious diseases through:

- knowledge translation (knowledge synthesis and exchange leading to translation products);
- identifying and addressing gaps in public health knowledge; and
- network development.

**NCCID's First Project – Influenza Preparedness Initiative**

The National Collaborating Centre on Infectious Diseases is helping employers to build their capacity to deal effectively with an influenza pandemic. It is sponsoring a project to identify how employers can work effectively within the national and provincial influenza pandemic programs to minimize the risks and impacts in their workplaces and communities. The Influenza Pandemic Task Force will build on the established federal and provincial pandemic plans that have been developed with a focus on what health knowledge products would assist workplaces should in an influenza pandemic develop.