The primary goals of communicable disease preparedness and response include limiting the spread of disease, minimizing morbidity/mortality, and sustaining critical operations. The *North Carolina Central University Pandemic and Communicable Disease Emergency Response Plan* provides a framework for preparedness and response activities for communicable disease crises including pandemics that may affect the NCCU community.

During a communicable disease crisis, three groups at NCCU take the lead on providing information and expertise to advise decision making and policy: Emergency Management Group, Pandemic and Communicable Disease Emergency Response Team and a Coordinating Working Group. These groups, operating in conjunction with the NCCU Emergency Response Team, provide direction and guidance consistent with policies established by the UNC System President, Governor and local and state public health partners.

This plan details authority during a communicable disease crisis and organizes assignment of responsibilities according to the World Health Organization (WHO) *Pandemic Phase Descriptions and Main Actions* with the understanding that these events are rapidly evolving and as such plans must be fluid and amenable to rapid change.

Requests for copies of the full plan should be directed to ehs@nccu.edu.