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**(Idea for the beginning or the beginning of the flashback after the first EAS Alert)** Good evening and welcome to Channel 7 News. As the flu season approaches, hospitals are seeing a rise in patients experiencing symptoms such as fatigue, headaches, and muscle aches. Medical experts emphasize the importance of following guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to stay healthy.

It's crucial to avoid close contact with individuals who are sick, and if you develop flu-like symptoms, stay home from work, school, or errands. Use proper hygiene practices like wearing a mask, covering your mouth and nose when sneezing or coughing, to prevent spreading germs to others. Additionally, remember to frequently wash your hands and disinfect commonly touched surfaces to reduce the risk of infection.

Stay informed and take these precautions to protect yourself and those around you during this flu season.

### **(2 week time skip)**

Good evening and welcome to Channel 7 News. Tonight, our top story focuses on the current flu season, which health officials are urging the public to approach with caution. Recent reports indicate a notable increase in patients presenting severe symptoms such as debilitating headaches, confusion, memory loss, and impaired motor skills. These developments have raised concerns among medical professionals.

Health officials stress the importance of seeking immediate medical attention if individuals or their loved ones begin experiencing these concerning symptoms. Early intervention can be critical in managing and treating potential complications associated with the flu. It is strongly advised to adhere closely to the guidelines published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to protect both oneself and others from the flu virus. These guidelines include practical steps such as:

**\*\*Seek Medical Assistance\*\***: If experiencing severe symptoms like severe headaches, confusion, memory loss, or impaired motor skills, do not hesitate to seek medical help promptly.

**\*\*Preventive Measures\*\***: Practice preventive measures such as frequent handwashing with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Use alcohol-based hand sanitizers if soap and water are not available.

**\*\*Protect Others\*\***: Avoid close contact with individuals who are sick, and if you are sick, limit contact with others to prevent the spread of the virus.

**\*\*Vaccination\*\***: Consider getting vaccinated against the flu, as vaccination remains one of the most effective ways to prevent illness and reduce its severity.

By following these recommendations, individuals can contribute to reducing the spread of germs and safeguarding public health during this flu season. Stay tuned for further updates and stay vigilant in protecting your health and the health of those around you.

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**[Breaking News theme]**

We open tonight with breaking news. Urgent Notice Regarding Changing Symptoms During Flu Season coming from the CDC.

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Good day. This is a message from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. We need your immediate attention regarding symptoms associated with a viral infection during this flu season. Initially, symptoms were typical: fatigue, headaches, and muscle aches. However, we are now seeing a troubling shift towards more severe manifestations. Individuals are presenting severe headaches, confusion, memory loss, and impaired motor skills. Even more concerning are reports of behavioral changes like aggression and hallucinations. These developments suggest a potential escalation of the viral infection beyond standard flu symptoms. Healthcare providers, please maintain a heightened awareness when assessing patients with these symptoms. Early detection and prompt medical care are crucial in managing these cases effectively. For the general public, we urge immediate action:

**\*\*Seek Medical Help\*\***: If you or someone you know shows severe symptoms, such as severe headaches, confusion, memory loss, impaired motor skills, aggression, or hallucinations, seek medical assistance without delay.

**\*\*Stay Informed\*\***: Stay updated with credible sources about flu outbreaks and recommended preventive measures. Do not trust sources other than official ones.

**\*\*Practice Preventive Measures\*\***: Follow CDC guidelines: wash hands frequently, avoid close contact with sick individuals, and cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing.

**\*\*Vaccination\*\***: Ensure you and your family are vaccinated as per recommendations from healthcare professionals.

Your health and safety are our top priority. We will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as necessary.

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Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

[End of voice advisory]

\*Your country's EAS sound.\*

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The CDC has issued an outbreak of an illness that is spreading out throughout the province. Please follow the CDC guidelines when you leave your home. Wear a mask when you are out in public, wash your hands before you touch anything around your face. If you are feeling sick, please stay at home until symptoms improve. Be advised that the CDC is still trying to find out what this illness is. Stay cautious and remain calm while the government works to keep you safe. Thank you for your cooperation.

\*News broadcast intro.\*

\*News anchor 1\*

**This is Channel 7 News. Today, we have a report on behalf of the police department as five individuals have been declared missing recently.**

\*News anchor 2\*

At the moment, the police have limited information on the identity of the missing individuals. What the police can say about the matter is that the five went missing soon after a visit to a hospital. And as everyone is well aware with the new illness running rampant in our area, the CDC has come out with a statement and announced that these individuals had not exhibited symptoms similar to the illness. The CDC adds that the public should also be aware that we are entering Flu season and therefore, sick residents taking a trip to the infirmary should not be considered cases of the new illness. Regardless, if anyone knows someone that went missing after a hospital visit, please call your local police department. You may help us in finding these unfortunate people.

\*News anchor 1\*

**There have been about ten cases so far of the unknown illness. Officials advise that the public should follow the CDC guidelines to maintain their health, but says that there shouldn't be any worry about this illness, as it is still in an early stage, and people may not be prone to catching this illness, though virologists are studying this disease and where it came from.**

\*News anchor 2\*

A CDC official reported "We are entering the cold and flu season, so cases may spike but as long as you take proper precaution you and your family should be fine." They advise that we seek medical attention if you or a loved one feels ill. Any unusual symptoms that may be developed when you have any disease that do not correspond to the usual symptoms that appear once contracting any disease should be reported immediately, as any information

provided could be vital to understanding the illness. So far, the more recent unusual symptoms are the following: *Aggression, confusion, and decrease in motor skills*. “These are concerning symptoms,” Says the CDC “although not unheard of, they are concerning for the cold and flu season and are not normal for normal cold and flu-like viruses, if you suspect anyone having them urge them to seek medical help immediately.”