Who’s in Charge of What During an Outbreak or Pandemic?

**U.S. Department of Health and Human Services**
- Secretary of Health and Human Services
- Provides leadership and coordination for federal health efforts
- Supports state and local public health efforts
- Coordinates with other federal agencies to ensure a coordinated response
- Federal Interagency Operational Plans

**Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**
- Responds to and manages federal disaster relief and recovery efforts
- Coordinates with state, local, tribal, and territorial governments
- Provides emergency management support

**Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)**
- Leads and coordinates the HHS Secretary’s Operations Center
- Notifies the World Health Organization for their input to this infographic
- A number of sources were not public information, including PPD-44

**Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)**
- Assists the Secretary of HHS to lead the federal public health, health care, and social services response to a pandemic
- Provides intelligence assessments of foreign threats
- Projects the impact of incidents to deliver decision advantage to U.S. warfighters, defense planners, and DoD

**Department of Homeland Security (DHS)**
- Provides leadership and coordination for FDA's counterterrorism and emerging threat portfolios
- Provides strategic oversight and support for the Secretary of Homeland Security
- The Secretary is responsible for coordinating federal operations within the United States to prepare for, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks, major disasters, and other emergencies

**Departments and Agencies**
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- Provides science-based public health services and information for the prevention and control of diseases, injuries, and health risks
- The CDC is the U.S. public health authority and takes immediate action to contain and control a biological incident
- Provides health and risk mitigation messages, and updates the public

**Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)**
- Director of the FBI
- Provides intelligence-related support to the HHS Secretary
- Supports law enforcement’s investigative and appropriate legal authorities

**U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)**
- Enforces immigration laws and regulations
- Denies the admission of any alien not lawfully entitled to admission
- CBP may travel to the United States from abroad, CBP may inspect anyone inside or at U.S. borders or those individuals that medical authorities have been alerted to deny the admission of an alien not lawfully entitled to admission for permanent residence who is a public charge

**U.S. Department of Defense (DoD)**
- Provides military support for federal civil authorities during domestic incidents
- The DoD response to a domestic civil incident is guided by the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the Joint Staff

**National Center for Medical Intelligence (NCMI)**
- ProvidesDoD medical intelligence
- Studies threats relevant to DoD forces
- The AFHSB serves as a significant source of information to maintain situational awareness.

For more in-depth information regarding the various agencies/departments, please click on their name.