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A global outbreak, the WHO said the next influenza pandemic "is a matter of when, not if".

"The threat of pandemic influenza is ever present," said Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO's Director-General. "We must be vigilant and prepared, also as a matter of course, for the possibility of a major influenza outbreak with the potential to cause significant loss of life and get ahead of it to prevent it."

World health experts and the WHO

warn that in a worst case a more deadly virus will emerge from among hundreds of thousands of influenza viruses.

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The world will inevitably face another pandemic of a potential global outbreak, the WHO said the next influenza pandemic "is a matter of when, not if".

Outlining a global plan to fight the viral disease as a matter of course, for the potential devastation the cause, and not underestimate the risks, the World Organization (WHO) said on Monday.

"The threat of pandemic influenza is ever-present and we must be vigilant and prepared... the cost of a major influenza outbreak will far outweigh the price of prevention."