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Lyle, Current planning for dealing with a flu pandemic calls for us to slow the spread of the virus through our community. we can use traditional means of isolation and quarantine. this will not work well once the virus is here in any numbers. The next phase is social distancing. keeping kids at home and keeping masses of people from congregating. using public education to get everyone to adhere to good respiratory practices. These are all delaying tacticcs until enough vaccine is available to get the majority of the population vaccinated. In the meantime we need to keep the community running and government functioning. Health care workers and other essential personnel need protection. Anti-virals play this role. not a s a solution but as a stop gap protection until a vaccine arrives. currently there is no stockpile in our state. We are totally dependent on the federal stockpile. It is currently several million doses. There are 4 millllion health care workers in the US. The federal stockpile is clearly insufficient.

Proposal: I wish to pursue buying anti-virals on the global market. This is currently precluded by the FDA. Large pharmaceutical companies are ramping up in Asia to mass produce anti-virals. I am hoping to purchase antivirals at a cost of about \$250,000 that would cover 50,000 people in case of an outbreak. This is currently an illegal activity to buy these drugs abroad. I wish nevertheless to pursue this purchase because the threat of a pandemic flu coming to Pierce county without our having a reliable antiviral stockpile represents a true public health emergency. This is a time sensitive issue. Your thoughts in the near future would be greatly appreciated.