RED CROSS TO OPEN FOURTEEN CITY STATIONS

Auxiliary Quarters to Speed Up Care of Stricken Are Decided Upon

PLAN WILL SAVE TIME

Civic and Industrial Organizations and Board of Health Back Move

What promises to be an effective measure against influenza started yesterday when a meeting in the Palace Hotel, when President Arthur H. Barendt of the Board of Health met with officials of the Red Cross and civic and industrial organizations and decided to go out and send out a Red Cross station where it is needed.

The city will be divided into five districts, in the center of each of which will be an auxiliary Red Cross station equipped with doctors, graduate nurses, trained nurses, caretakers, motor cars, telephones and other equipment necessary to handle the sick. In short, every person and every detail of equipment required in the event of such an emergency will be supplied.

TO PHONE STATION

The public will be advised that sick persons manifesting symptoms will be telephoned at once to the station in that particular district. A graduate nurse will be dispatched immediately to the home, where he will be treated and reported back to the station whether the case is serious enough to necessitate the services of a physician or whether it is susceptible of adequate treatment at the hands of the nurse. After a nurse has been summoned, a caretaker or a trained nurse will be sent to take her place and reports will be made back to the central station.

“In this way,” says Barendt, “we will come into immediate and intimate contact with each case. Assistance will be given when and where it is needed, within easy access to the patient.”

WILL SAVE TIME

“Time will be saved in reaching the bedside of the more serious cases, while the lighter ones will be identified as such and will not consume too much of the priceless time of the graduate nurses and doctors, who are overwhelmed with work under the existing indirect manner of serving the stricken.”

A meeting was held last night at the City Board of Health headquarters to work out the details. These will include the location of the stations and the assignment of doctors, nurses and assistants who will be detailed at the various Red Cross centers. As soon as they have been decided upon the public will be informed.”