

Pandemic Planning Quickstart



In a remote location in Asia, a case of human-to-human transmission of Avian Flu is confirmed. Over the next two months, outbreaks take place in countries around the world. Due to modern transportation, the rate of infection is rapid and one in every 20 people infected dies. Countries initiate travel restrictions and quarantine measures.

Police departments, utility companies and mass transit authorities experience significant personnel shortages that result in severe disruption of routine services. Hospitals and outpatient clinics are critically short-staffed as health-care workers become ill or are afraid to come to work. Rates of absenteeism in schools and businesses begin to rise.

Widespread panic begins because supplies of antiviral drugs are severely limited and a suitable vaccine is not yet available.

Would your organisation survive under these circumstances?

Influenza epidemics/pandemics have occurred at irregular intervals throughout history with five occurrences within the last century: 1918 ('Spanish flu'), 1957 ('Asian flu'), 1968 ('Hong Kong flu'), 2003 ('SARS') and 2009 ('Swine flu').

Each of these events was associated with illness, death and general societal disruption far in excess of that experienced in a 'normal' winter. The 1918/19 pandemic, for instance, is estimated to have caused over 20 million deaths world-wide.

As demonstrated with the recent 'Swine flu' outbreak, there may not be much warning and therefore advanced planning is essential for an efficient and coordinated response.

Deliverables

Pandemic Risk Assessment. We conduct a workshop to determine your organisation's pandemic risk exposures and recovery capability

Pandemic Plan. We document a plan and procedures to minimise the spread of the pandemic within your organisation, reduce the extent and duration of impacts on staff, stakeholders and customers and to ensure essential services, access to suppliers, corporate image and reputation are maintained.

This fixed-fee / fixed-scope service provides known project outcomes and can be completed within a two to three week period.

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