

Pandemic Planning Alert

Has your bank developed an effective pandemic plan to deal with the current swine flu outbreak?

The World Health Organization has changed the current phase of pandemic alert to 6 which indicates sustained human to human transmission of the Swine flu. If your bank does not have an effective pandemic plan in place, now is the time to develop one. If you already have a plan in place, the change to Phase 6 may trigger some additional preparation steps that need to be taken.

Regulatory guidance, along with the results from the U.S. Financial Sector Pandemic Flu Exercise of 2007, emphasizes the importance of pandemic planning by banks. Traditional Business Continuity Plans and Disaster Recovery Plans fail to address the human elements that will be affected by a pandemic.

Your bank's Business Continuity Plan must be updated to address the effects of a pandemic, or a separate pandemic plan must be developed to supplement the Business Continuity Plan.

Pandemic Policy (#253) Available - Includes Sample Plan

Contains guidance from The Interagency Statement on Pandemic Planning, and covers:

- Definition and Background
- Operational Risk
 - Monitoring the Current Pandemic Phase
 - Employee Education
 - Supplies
 - Janitorial / Facilities
 - Critical Vendors
 - Actions of Health and Government Authorities
 - Bank Actions at Each Pandemic Phase
 - Personnel Policies
 - Staffing Shortages
 - Cross Training of Employees
 - Management Succession
 - Telecommuting Capabilities
 - Customer Education
 - Social Distancing
 - Plan Testing Strategies
- Pandemic Phases
- Liquidity Risk
- Responsibility
- Policy Review
- Resources

This policy may be used as a stand-alone policy or incorporated into your business continuity policy. It includes a sample Pandemic Plan that can be customized for your bank.

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