Is Your Organization Ready for a Pandemic?

Widespread infectious disease pandemics such as influenza and the current coronavirus disease, COVID-19, demand a different set of continuity planning considerations. A pandemic may cause severe impacts to an organization's ability to perform its essential functions. Pandemics are rare, but are likely to have significant economic impacts, cause travel restrictions, business and school closures, and other community mitigation measures.

Unlike other disasters, pandemics don’t damage infrastructure. Pandemics impact people. Business and government facilities remain intact, while the supply chain and workforce may be severely disrupted.

Have you prepared to:
• Effectively communicate risks to your employees?
• Establish measures to mitigate the potential for infection?
• Analyze your supply chain to determine your ability to continue operations?
• Establish and test plans and procedures to mitigate your pandemic risks?

Continuity and Pandemic Planning

Tetra Tech’s experience provides our clients with both subject matter expertise and extensive experience in (1) developing public and private continuity plans and policies, (2) developing pandemic response plans that meet clients’ needs, and (3) designing customized training and exercise programs.

Our team can assist you with optimizing your continuity plans for the current COVID-19 response by:
• Analyzing risks.
• Conducting a Business Impact Analysis and Business Process Analysis.
• Identifying essential functions.
• Designating a leadership line of succession.
• Developing strategies to continue critical business or government functions.
• Updating and testing your revised plans with short/focused exercises and workshops.
About Us

Tetra Tech is a leading provider of emergency management and community resilience services across the entire continuum of devastating impacts of natural and man-made events. We help public and private sector clients address preparedness, mitigation, response, and short- and long-term recovery needs.

During steady-state conditions, our emergency preparedness strategies include developing and applying technology to inform clients about the wide array of hazards they face; prioritizing, scoping, and implementing projects designed to mitigate risks; and planning, training, and exercising organizations to enhance their readiness to respond.

SAMPLE PROJECTS

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), Washington, DC

Tetra Tech worked with WMATA to revise and standardize its continuity planning structure across 75 departments. Tetra Tech established a standardized concept of operations that identified overarching corporate essential functions and identified specific roles and responsibilities. Our team conducted Business Impact and Process Analyses (BIA/BPA) through a web-based survey that captured department-specific essential functions, delegations of authority, orders of succession, communication systems, IT databases, continuity facilities, and emergency personnel contact information. Using the information collected in the survey, Tetra Tech consolidated and developed 12 Departmental Continuity Annexes to support the Base Plan.

Lendlease Communities Atlantic Marine Corps Communities (AMCC), Nationwide

Tetra Tech supported Lendlease Communities in its mission of supporting U.S. Military on-base housing for military personnel through the development of a comprehensive business continuity program. Tetra Tech worked with each of AMCC’s eight functional areas to capture information for the business continuity plan. Tetra Tech developed the business continuity plan and annexes for each of the Lendlease’s functional areas.

South Central Mountains and South Central Pennsylvania Regional Healthcare Coalitions Emergency Operations and Regional COOP Plans

Tetra Tech support the South Central Mountains Healthcare Coalition (SCMHC) and the South Central Pennsylvania Healthcare Coalition (SCPAHC), the Hospital and Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania (HAP) to develop each coalition’s emergency operations plan (EOP). Tetra Tech’s team conducted extensive outreach to coalition members through a combination of in-person meetings, virtual meetings, and web-based data collection tools. The Coalitions further contracted Tetra Tech’s team to develop their respective Continuity of Operations (COOP), Medical Surge, and Evacuation Annexes.

Tetra Tech has worked with MARTA in support of its comprehensive emergency management program since 2010. MARTA engaged our team to develop a threat and vulnerability assessment (TVA) and COOP plan. The COOP plan focused on restoring core business functions; identifying critical facilities, equipment, records, and other resources that are required to perform those functions; and developing the plans to facilitate a timely and orderly recovery from an incident. As a continuation of the COOP project, MARTA requested that our team assist with a training and exercise program that included COOP training to all 14 MARTA departments, a tabletop exercise, and a functional exercise.

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