Pandemic Flu Business Assessment

The Institute for Business & Home Safety (IBHS) is cautioning businesses and nonprofit organizations to examine their ability to operate in the event of a flu pandemic. Evaluating specific risks and planning well beforehand for a variety of potential emergencies that could disrupt day-to-day business is critical, no matter how big or small a company may be.

Are you concerned that your normal business operations might be interrupted by a flu pandemic?

YES ☐ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

Are your vital records protected and accessible from alternative work locations, e.g. employees’ homes?

YES ☐ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

Have you reviewed current sick leave and vacation policy to determine if any changes are necessary to meet the demands of a flu pandemic?

YES ☐ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

Have you considered how the disruption of travel, meetings or conferences might affect your business?

YES ☐ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

Have you determined the minimal level at which your business could operate (e.g. staff, resources)?

YES ☐ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

Have you considered alternatives if your current suppliers cannot deliver or your customer base is affected by the flu pandemic?

YES ☐ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

Do you have plans to stay open for business, even if you and your employees must work from home or other locations?

YES ☐ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

Have you worked with your community—public officials and other businesses—to prepare for a flu pandemic?

YES ☐ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

If your employees needed to operate from home, do they have the necessary telecommunications and computer capacity to function?

YES ☐ NO ☐ UNSURE ☐

**SELF-ASSESSMENT RESULTS**

**SCORE EXPLANATIONS**

Your score indicates how well prepared you are for the disruption caused by the pandemic flu.

7-9 Yes: You are well on your way
4-6 Yes: You have lots of work to do
1-3 Yes: You should get started immediately

Visit DisasterSafety.org/Business_Protection to begin your business continuity and preparedness plan or call 1-866-657-IBHS (4247) for more information.