

Global Risk Solutions

Key Organizational Epidemic/Pandemic Infection Control Practices



The following checklist highlights key items that organizations should have in place to prepare for addressing epidemic/pandemic infectious disease risks.

- Does the organization stay up to date on the latest information about signs and symptoms, diagnostic testing, and case definitions for epidemic/pandemic diseases and take precautions to protect all people coming into its locations?
- Does the organization regularly review their epidemic/pandemic infection control policies and procedures and utilize the newest information and recommendations of the CDC (or other appropriate national or international organization) to address infection control practices ?
- Does the organization ensure that all employees, contract staff and others working within the organization are trained in epidemic/pandemic policies and procedures? Are these policies and procedures updated regularly and is retraining conducted when changes to policies and practices are made?
- Does the organization have a plan in place to address the care and treatment of potentially exposed employees/visitors?
- Are the organization's leadership and governing bodies kept informed of the events and decisions that occur as a result of the pandemic/epidemic exposure that the organization is facing?
- Is staff on alert for people who meet the infectious exposure case definition for the specific infectious specimen and do they have a clear understanding of how to report the potential exposure?
- Does the organization have a contingency plan that addresses pandemic disasters, anticipated business impacts, and ways to offset the potential losses and exposures?
- Does the organization know how to report a potential case or exposure to facility infection control leads and public health officials?
- Does the organization know who, when, and how to notify and when to seek evaluation by occupational health experts following an unprotected exposure (i.e., not wearing recommended PPE) to a suspected or confirmed exposure patient?
- Does the organization know how to contact and receive information from its state or local public health agency?