

Business Pandemic Planning & Response Seminar



Date: January 11, 2010

Location: Charleston Marriott

Maintaining a healthy workplace, responding to widespread worker illnesses and preparing for pandemic contingencies are vital to maintaining operations and continuity. As our nation continues to monitor the current influenza (H1N1) outbreak, it is important for employers to understand what is being done on the national and state levels, and what each business should be doing to be prepared for a wider outbreak. Preparedness is the best method to defend against the impacts of a public health threat such as this. As a result, the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce has arranged a half-day seminar entitled "Business Pandemic Planning and Response."

As our state and nation face the possibility of a wider H1N1 influenza outbreak, it is difficult to predict what may be in store. It is essential that employers get prepared and be ready to respond appropriately. Many governmental agencies and organizations are working to ensure that employers of all sizes have the necessary pandemic planning tools and information. Businesses should plan to be able to respond in flexible ways to varying levels of severity and be prepared to take additional steps if a potentially more serious outbreak of influenza evolves during the winter and spring of 2010.

The seminar is intended to update employers on what national and state plans are in place, what resources are available and what steps businesses should take.....and how all can help spread the message about preparedness.

Hotel Accommodations: a block of hotel rooms has been reserved at the Marriott for the night of January 10. These rooms have a special room rate of \$106.00. The release date for this block of rooms is January 1, 2010.

Seminar Agenda

8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Welcome/Program

H1N1 – A National Perspective

"The H1N1 Pandemic and the Outlook for 2010"
Stephanie Dopson, H1N1 Technical Specialty Lead,
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

H1N1 – A State Perspective

"What Employers Need to Know about the Medical Issues Associated with H1N1"
Catherine C. Slemp, MD, MPH, Executive Director,
Center for Threat Preparedness and Acting State
Health Officer, W.Va. Bureau for Public Health,
W.Va. DHHR

"Pandemic Preparedness Across West Virginia"
Jerry Rhodes, Deputy Director, W.Va. Bureau for
Public Health, Division of Threat Preparedness, W.Va.
DHHR

H1N1 – A Business Perspective

"Developing a Business's Pandemic Response Plan
and Minimizing Potential Impacts to the Bottomline"
Don Elswick, Corporate Security Officer, Marathon Oil

"Legal Issues to Consider as Part of a Business's
Pandemic Plan"
Anna Dailey, Partner, Dinsmore & Shohl LLP

11:45 a.m. Seminar Concludes

Please return this form to the W.Va. Chamber office by faxing to (304) 342-1130:

I would like to register for the Business Pandemic Planning and Response Seminar
Member Registration Fee: \$49 per person (includes materials and continental breakfast)
Non-Member Registration Fee: \$149 per person
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