

Pandemic Plan Review Services

Throughout recorded history, humanity has faced numerous infectious outbreaks of global proportions. Some of the most well-known outbreaks include the Bird Flu, SARS, Influenza variations, and most recently the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Merriam-Webster defines a pandemic as an outbreak of a disease that occurs over a wide geographic area and affects an exceptionally high proportion of the population. Pandemics have the potential to not only affect a population's health, but also impact local, national, and global economies.

One of the primary methods of preventing the spread of infectious diseases is to eliminate as much human to human contact as possible until the outbreak is contained. As infection rates in an area rise, individuals will try to avoid contact with others out of caution. In severe cases, governments will step in and mandate restrictions on the size of groups allowed to gather (social distancing), forcing employers to send staff home or allow them to work remotely. Supply chain and third-party vendor challenges also arise. In the face of a pandemic, organizations must establish a business resiliency plan that accounts for the unique trails of a pandemic outbreak. The pandemic plan should include the following considerations:



**Pandemic Coordinator
and Team**



**Telecommuting
Capabilities and Policies**



**Critical Resources
and Staff**



**Emergency
Communications Plan**



**Quarantines, Border
Closures, Travel Bans**

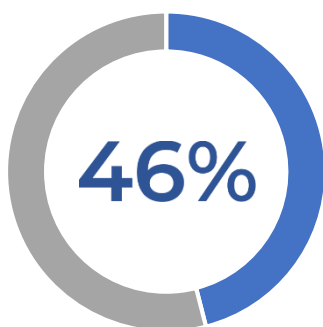


**Educating and Testing
of the Plan**

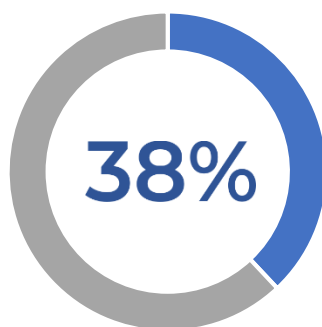
Pandemic planning is just one part of the ongoing, cyclical business resiliency planning and management process of identifying an organization's risk of exposure to internal and external threats. The goal is to provide the organization with the ability to effectively respond to threats such as global infectious disease outbreaks if and when they might occur and protect the business interests of the organization.

Is Your Workforce Ready to Telecommute Securely?

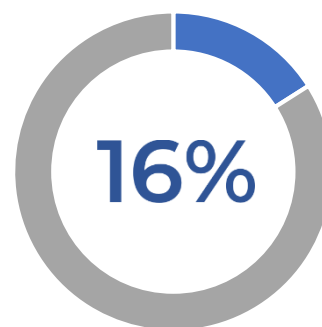
Arguably the most significant challenge to creating, updating, or activating a pandemic plan is transitioning some or all staff to work remotely while maintaining a sufficient level of security around information and technology. To make things even more difficult, this transition might take place very rapidly in accordance with state and federal regulations. This was the case with the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. It's for this reason that a proactive approach to pandemic planning is advised and required by certain frameworks and regulations.



46% of employees admitted to transferring files between work and personal computers when working from home¹



38% of remote workers received no training on how to work remotely²



16% of remote workers use a location other than their home as their primary work location³

Compass IT Compliance is well-versed in business resiliency planning and management, spending the past decade crafting and improving the pandemic plans of organizations in a wide range of industries. Through our Pandemic Plan Review, Compass IT Compliance will:

1. Conduct a vulnerability scan on external facing virtual private networks (VPN)
2. Review Customer's pandemic plan and related policies and procedures
3. Identify risk areas related to the pandemic plan and provide remediation strategies

Contact us today to learn more and discuss your pandemic planning needs!

¹Cisco, 2014 ²Owl Labs, 2019 ³Buffer, 2019

About Compass IT Compliance

Founded in 2010, Compass IT Compliance is a nationwide leader in providing IT security, audit, and compliance services to organizations of all sizes in all industries. Our goal is to partner with your organization to help you mitigate your overall information security risk while providing you with the best customer service possible. Unlike some of our big-name competitors, our Security Specialists and Account Managers carry smaller workloads so that they may dedicate a more thorough and personal approach to each engagement. We work with you and your team to provide detailed, actionable results that mitigate your overall information security risk. Learn more at Compassitc.com.