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Quarantine service has collaborated on Communicable

Disease Plan for Toronto Airport – basically outlined as
the process just described

Response Plan has been the Business Continuity Plan developed by the Greater Toronto Airport Authority – now under copyright and not available to myself or other members of our delegation

That is, it is not my area of expertise!!!!

Transport Canada gives overall guidance and mandates that airports in Canada develop Business Continuity Plans

Plans are the responsibility of the airports

13 Canadian Airports have international traffic – 6 have Quarantine Stations

Plans are developed separately but some consultation between

Greater Toronto Airport Authority (GTAA) responsible for Toronto Pearson International Airport

Because of experience with SARS and the economic effects

Toronto was very aware of potential problems with a

Pandemic

Local Response planning (BCP) has been taking place for 5 years – H5N1 was the perceived threat

Initial Actions

Established working relationship with Quarantine MD
Integrated Quarantine staff into Emergency Management
infrastructure

Established airport working group, including local Public Health, to address specific PH procedures

Incorporated Communicable Disease topics at regular

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Conducted full scale exercises on CD topics

- Response Plan identified critical airport services and operations
- Promoted similar BCP planning with all airport partners (airlines, retail operations, etc)
- Established supplies that would be necessary for short term (<24 hours) isolation at airport
- Act as distribution/communication centre between PHAC (and others) to airport partners

Assumption that 15 to 35% absenteeism will occur (median 25%)

Form a Corporate Steering Committee/Manager to oversee process

Establish a working group to identify ESSENTIAL services/operations

Identify required skill sets for those roles
Identify staff who have multiple skill sets
Allow those staff to act in role to gain experience

BUSINESS CONTINUITY PLANNING Maintaining Delivery

Identify Service

Specify Responsible Individual/Contact details

Detail how to activate

Impact on Business

Action Plan – notifications, communications, reallocation strategy, change in scope of service

Resource needs

Training needs

SERVICE/FUNCTION

Current Staff Level

Number less 35%

Affect on Delivery

SOLUTION?

Reduce/terminate function

Reallocate resource

Split shifts - separate

Eliminate shift contact

Work from home

Contract out

Roles & Responsibilities

Check if addressed in Plan

Who is responsible for activation?

Is there a process for activation?

Is there a communication strategy to employees and partners?

INPUT:

Check if addressed in Plan

Senior officials

Legal

Community partners

Labour unions

Are roles clear?:

Check if addressed in Plan

Who makes which decisions?

Who notifies stakeholders?

Is BCP integrated with Emergency Plans?

Who procures resources?

Who approves Plan?

How will you test the Plan? Check if addressed in Plan

How will you test communications?

Is there a contact list – internal and external?