COVID-19: CoronaVirus Impact on I.T.

The global circumstances around the Novel Coronavirus outbreaks continue to evolve daily as new cases are being reported around the world and across the United States.

As a result, we are not yet ready to alert or evacuate employees. However, it is likely that businesses should continue operating as normal during the COVID-19 risk.

We’ll also put together some considerations, from a technology perspective, for your business to help you plan your responses to the business impacts and challenges faced in the event that there is a massive COVID-19 Coronavirus outbreak.

POTENTIAL RISK SCENARIOS THAT BUSINESSES SHOULD CONSIDER

1. Employees cannot come to the office: This could happen due to a health warning by the government to stay home or due to a workplace decision to protect employees. A remote working environment can be challenging for some employees, who may struggle to work effectively or face distractions.

2. Supply Chain Disruptions: The COVID-19 pandemic has led to disruptions in the supply chain, with many companies experiencing delays in getting their products to market. This can impact businesses in different ways, from delays in production to shortages of essential supplies.

3. Cybersecurity: With more people working remotely, there is an increased risk of cyber threats, including phishing attacks and malware. It is important for businesses to implement strong cybersecurity measures to protect their data.

4. Employee Health and Safety: Businesses need to consider the health and safety of their employees, particularly those working in shared spaces. This may include implementing social distancing measures, providing personal protective equipment (PPE), and monitoring employee health.

5. Business Continuity: It is important for businesses to have a plan in place to ensure that their operations can continue in the event of a crisis. This may include having a disaster recovery plan in place and ensuring that employees have access to the tools and resources they need to work remotely.

SHARED WORKSPACES AND WEBSITES

Be proactive about your organization’s cybersecurity practices. Regularly monitor your website for any suspicious activity and ensure that your employees are aware of phishing attempts.

WORK FROM HOME

- If you have to work from home, make sure that you have the necessary technology and resources to do so effectively.
- Keep your computer up-to-date and secure your systems with strong passwords.
- Be aware of the risks of working from home, such as phishing attempts and identity theft.
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COLLABORATION AND REMOTE MEETINGS

- Make sure you have the necessary tools and technology to engage in virtual meetings.
- Encourage your team to use video conferencing tools to stay connected.
- Be aware of potential challenges, such as interruptions and technical difficulties.

SUPPLY CHAIN DISRUPTIONS WITH ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

- Be prepared to face delays in delivery times for electronic equipment.
- Keep your inventory levels high to avoid stockouts.
- Consider alternative suppliers to ensure that you have a backup plan.

OTHER VALUABLE INFORMATION

- There are many articles and news sites that can help you navigate this challenging time. Make sure to check out reputable sources and stay informed.
- Keep your employees updated on the latest developments and provide them with resources to help them cope with stress.
- Encourage your team to practice good hygiene, such as washing their hands regularly and avoiding close contact with people who are sick.

CDC RECOMMENDED BEST PRACTICES.

- Encourage and empower employees to stay healthy by providing them with resources to help them stay healthy, such as access to nutrition information and regular check-ins with their health care providers.
- Foster a healthy work environment by promoting open communication and providing employees with the support they need to succeed.
- Be flexible with work schedules and provide employees with the flexibility to work from home if necessary.