

### Planning for the continuity of operations in the event of a pandemic or other disaster

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*Brome-Missisquoi, November 12, 2009* – In the wake of measures put in place in preparation for an influenza pandemic, the Ministry of economic development, innovation and export (MDEIE) has created a reference document entitled:

***“Influenza pandemic:  
Business continuity planning guide.”***

As a partner of this Ministry, the Brome-Missisquoi CLD strongly suggests that all businesses in our MRC equip themselves with an operational continuity plan. This planning will allow for the minimization of the negative consequences of a pandemic or any other major disaster that could occur. This is an important effort because a halt in production at one or more businesses in the territory could be harmful to the economic health of the entire region.

**In an emergency, fast action often makes all the difference.**

**To act quickly, planning is always  
the best organization - and above all, prevention - technique.**

The guide created by the MDEIE is a very useful tool to help you develop your own operational continuity plan for your business. You can consult it at the following address: [http://www.mdeie.gouv.qc.ca/index.php?id=338&tx\\_ttnews\[currentCatUId\]=86&tx\\_ttnews\[tt\\_news\]=1285&tx\\_ttnews\[backPid\]=336&cHash=078b01564d](http://www.mdeie.gouv.qc.ca/index.php?id=338&tx_ttnews[currentCatUId]=86&tx_ttnews[tt_news]=1285&tx_ttnews[backPid]=336&cHash=078b01564d)

You can also visit the [www.pandemiequebec.gouv.qc.ca](http://www.pandemiequebec.gouv.qc.ca) site for more information on actions undertaken by the Quebec government concerning the influenza pandemic.

Also, in order to answer the numerous questions by employers and employees, Quebec's labor board, the Commission des Normes du Travail, has made an information kit available specifically for the influenza pandemic on its web site: [www.cnt.gouv.qc.ca](http://www.cnt.gouv.qc.ca)

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