



# Infection control risk assessment, audit and training

A new strain of influenza virus is spreading around the world causing public health concerns, costly disruption to business and anxiety to individuals and their families. In such a situation, understanding the prevention and control of infection is essential for the well-being and safety of the staff, family and community. DNV Biorisk can help organisations prepare for such an eventuality in terms of understanding the realities of infectious organisms, the necessary measures to limit their spread and the required organisational controls.

## **Introduction**

DNV Biorisk has expertise and experience in the area of infection control and biorisk management. We are also familiar with industrial situations and the need for services that reflect the working practices and systems used to manage risk in a wide variety of environments. We are also experienced in translating infection control concepts and practices into solutions that help organisations understand the reality of the risk from biological organisms, helping to ensure adequate preparedness to manage a pandemic situation.

## **Infection control risk assessment**

We can work with your management and specialist staff to assess the risks to your organisation from pandemic flu, ensuring appropriate controls have been identified and implemented. Such measures will include organisational issues, equipment, communication channels, etc. Findings and recommendations can then be used to further develop business continuity plans with specific reference to infection control measures.

## **Infection control preparedness audit**

If there are plans already in place, it is equally important to monitor and measure the potential effectiveness of proposed control measures. We can audit your plans to evaluate their likely readiness if implemented in the event of an outbreak. This will help you identify areas of good practice, as well as where there may be a need for further improvement or implementation activity.

## **Training and awareness**

We can also provide training and awareness support, ranging from short staff briefings, to more in-depth sessions to management, specialist or front line staff. Topics addressed include an understanding of the current global / national situation, management controls, the disease process and infection control measures. Tailored courses can also be offered to reflect company-specific policies, situations and other requirements.

## **Benefits**

- ☑ Identifying areas of potential weakness and improvement opportunities
- ☑ An independent and impartial review of the systems and work practices in place for infection control preparedness in the organisation
- ☑ Demonstrating the organisation's commitment to providing a healthy workplace
- ☑ Raising awareness of the nature of the risk and required behaviour

## **About DNV**

Being one of the world's foremost biorisk management organisations, we have worked with many leading agencies involved in research, diagnosis and management of infectious diseases in Europe, Asia and North America.

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