Business Continuity & Pandemic Planning at Alliant Energy Corporation

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Electric Utility Industry Pandemic Preparation
Industry Preparation - Electric Utility

- North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC) - created in Feb 2006
  - “Influenza Pandemic Reference Guide”
  - “Influenza Pandemic Summary” specifically for the Electricity Sector

- Utilities consulting with other utilities
  - Electric Utility virtual focus group
  - Software discussion groups
Alliant Energy Pandemic Preparation
Background info

- Alliant Energy Corporation
  - Energy Services Provider
    - Electricity
    - Natural Gas
  - Headquarters – Madison, WI
  - Service Territory
    - Iowa
    - Wisconsin
    - Minnesota
    - Illinois
Alliant Energy Preparation

- Pandemic Project Team created  (December 2005)
  - Cross functional team
    - Representation from Business Continuity & Security Services, Corporate Communications, Crisis Management Team, Energy Delivery, Generation, Health & Safety, Human Resources/Labor Relations, Legal, Risk, Sourcing, and Information Technology

- Project Plan developed
  - NERC guidelines
  - CDC checklist
  - Research
Alliant Energy Preparation (continued)

- Corporate policies & procedures were evaluated to ascertain their applicability to potential situations presented by a pandemic
  - Recommended changes incorporated into Pandemic Procedure

- Education & Research
  - “Business Planning for Pandemic Influenza: A National Summit”
  - Web seminars
  - Online Research
  - Focus Groups & Conference calls

- UW Madison Pandemic Planning committee

- Public Officials & Medical Resources contacts
Alliant Energy Preparation (continued)

- Created a Corporate Pandemic Procedure
  - Plan for procedure activation
  - How to manage via a pandemic
- On DHS list for pandemic information & notifications
- Communication Plan created to address employees, management, shareholders & media
- Health & Safety Pandemic guidelines created
- Coordinate with Business Continuity Plans
- Research possibility: pre-distribution of vaccine to CIP Electricity Sector?
Our Goal during a pandemic?

- Continue to serve our customers
  - Commercial
  - Industrial
  - Residential
- Keep the lights on and the gas flowing
Thank you

Have a safe and secure day!