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Pandemic Influenza Preparedness for Businesses Meetings Facilitated by Colorado Department of Labor and Employment Dr. Maryann Motza and Mr. Dean J. Conder

Session Conducted Throughout Colorado from May through July 2008

Meeting Purposes (and general agenda items)

1. Provide basic public health information to businesses about how a Pandemic Influenza outbreak will be different, and more widespread, than the typical influenza that is encountered every year. [Presentation by Regional Planners/Trainers and Local Officials with Health Departments.]
2. Provide an overview of the existing statutory and regulatory structure and resources that impact businesses and the economy, such as: unemployment insurance, workers compensation, employment and training (including re-training) resources, labor laws (child labor law restrictions, minimum wage laws, etc.), oil and public safety laws and regulations, etc. [Presentation by Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, CDLE.]
3. Facilitate an interactive discussion among business owners and community leaders as to how their businesses (and their employees) can survive during a pandemic influenza outbreak. This portion of the meeting will be geared toward business leaders giving CDLE officials information on what statutory and regulatory gaps or impediments exist that would need to be temporarily added (or suspended) during a pandemic influenza outbreak, in order to ensure that the economy, trade, and business is sustained. This information will be used by CDLE to propose necessary Federal and State statutory and regulatory changes so that the infrastructure is in place prior to the occurrence of a pandemic influenza outbreak. [Facilitation by Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, CDLE.]
4. Encourage businesses to begin planning efforts with their employees and the community at large, prior to the occurrence of a pandemic influenza outbreak. [Presentation by Regional Planners/Trainers and Local Officials with Health Departments.]
5. Follow-up plans. Information received during these meetings will be used by CDLE to outline appropriate Federal and State statutory and regulatory changes so that the infrastructure is in place prior to the occurrence of a pandemic influenza outbreak. The information will also be summarized in brochures and other materials that will be provided to businesses throughout the State that will give them additional guidance on how to stay in business during a pandemic and how the economy of communities can survive a pandemic. [Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, CDLE.]