



SOURCING PIT STOP: SUPPLIER PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS ASSESSMENT

Uncontrolled pandemics cause massive disruption to global supply chains. As COVID-19 continues to cause global supply chain breakdowns, Sourcing professionals must work with their Risk and Compliance colleagues to address vulnerabilities and rapidly replace failing suppliers. The ability to rally quickly, make adjustments on the fly, and continue at a brisk pace in the face of setbacks is no longer just admirable—it’s a survival skill.

How prepared are you to ensure that your suppliers—and their suppliers—have the right processes in place to minimize disruptions and support business continuity through a pandemic? Have you incorporated relevant criteria into your process to source replacements?

Fill out the assessment below to determine how prepared your suppliers (and their suppliers) are to continue operations through a global pandemic.

How Prepared Are Your Suppliers to Manage Remote Work?

Do your suppliers have the following processes and controls in place at their companies and through their supply chains to manage remote work in the following areas:

	Not at All	Slightly	Moderately	Very	Completely
Strategies to Include Remote Work Capabilities					
Network Capability to Support Remote Work for All Employees					
Technical Capabilities for Secure Remote Work (Including Cybersecurity Policies)					

How Prepared Are Your Suppliers to Limit the Spread and Impact of a Pandemic?

Do your suppliers have appropriate processes and controls in place at their companies and through their supply chains to minimize the spread of a pandemic and impacts of worksite infection in the following areas:

	Not at All	Slightly	Moderately	Very	Completely
Strategies to Quarantine Employees Exposed to Virus					
Precautions to Mitigate the Spread of a Pandemic					
Strategies to Scale Back Non-Essential Work					

How Prepared Are Your Suppliers to Ensure Business Continuity in a Pandemic?

Do your suppliers have appropriate processes and controls in place at their companies and through their supply chains to manage business continuity in the event of a global pandemic in the following areas:

	Not at All	Slightly	Moderately	Very	Completely
Plans to Manage Mass Absenteeism Events					
Supply Chain Redundancy to Mitigate Reliance on High-Risk Areas					
Assessment and Documentation of Pandemic Preparedness in Their Supply Chains					
Scenario Plans to Identify and Address Operational Resilience, and Ability to Meet Contractual Obligations					

If you are unsure about the answers to the assessment above, or if you have identified gaps in your supplier pandemic preparedness, consider how strategic sourcing can help. To protect your company from engaging suppliers who are not prepared to function effectively in a global pandemic, digital sourcing capabilities can incorporate effective pandemic risk mitigation into your process to ensure your own business continuity.

Learn more about how to drive value with strategic sourcing in our report: [Sourcing in the Fast Lane: Driving Value with Strategic Sourcing](#)