



## Building Association Updates Pandemic Plan

**The Building Owners and Managers Association of Canada (BOMA) introduces several important updates to its comprehensive Pandemic Planning Program website.**

**Toronto:** How well a business operates during a pandemic is directly related to how they are prepared for the event. This is equally true of the building in which they operate. That's a lesson that BOMA Canada took seriously when it assembled the National Industry Pandemic Planning Task Force, a group of industry professionals, to help develop their Pandemic Planning Program.

Launched last fall, the Pandemic Planning Program and website ([www.bomacanada-pandemic.ca](http://www.bomacanada-pandemic.ca)) was developed to help the industry locally manage building operations in the case of a pandemic such as the recent H1N1 outbreak. The original idea for the program came right after the SARS outbreak in 2003 where the possible impact of a pandemic was clearly seen. The Pandemic Planning Program has become an essential pandemic-preparedness tool for BOMA members and other stakeholders in the Canadian commercial real estate industry.

BOMA announced today several important updates to the program. These include refinements to the assumptions for service/supply interruptions with various key service providers, a new supplier questionnaire and a poster for buildings to display when service levels are impacted. The Pandemic Planning website already offers a range of useful resources such as,

- Pandemic Planning Checklist for Commercial Buildings
- Building Operations Skills Inventory
- Legal Considerations for Property Owners and Managers
- Communication Templates

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The Building Owners and Managers Association of Canada is the voice of the Canadian commercial real estate industry with over 2,500 members in regional associations across Canada. On behalf of the building owners, managers, developers, facilities managers, asset managers, leasing agents, brokers, and the product and service providers to over 1.9 billion square feet of commercial real estate in Canada, BOMA Canada addresses issues of national concern, and promotes excellence in the industry through information, education, advocacy and recognition.

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