

COVID-19 SECOND PANDEMIC WAVE

Looking ahead to a second pandemic wave: why acting now to strengthen our crisis management capability is the key to building future resilience



Firstly, what is a second wave? You can think of it like waves on the sea. The number of infections goes up and then comes back down again - each cycle is one "wave" of coronavirus.

In infectious disease parlance, 'waves of infection' describe the curve of an outbreak, reflecting a rise and fall in the number of cases. With viral infections such as influenza or the common cold, cases typically crest in the cold winter months and recede as warmer weather reappears.

As many countries seem to be emerging from the first wave of the COVID-19 crisis, now is the time to plan for a possible second wave.

COVID-19 has had a devastating impact on many businesses. According to the UK Office of National Statistics, almost a quarter (24 percent) of businesses worldwide have temporarily closed or paused trading since the start of the outbreak. Alongside that, falling stock prices, disrupted supply chains and a world in lockdown has left many of those still standing in significantly weakened positions where they are even more vulnerable to risk.

In anticipation of a second wave of the pandemic, or an unrelated crisis such as a cyber-attack, it is vital that businesses act now if they are to ensure their long-term survival. This means learning from their response to COVID-19, evaluating the new risk landscape, and ensuring that their crisis plans meet the current threat level. Not to do so risks further – potentially terminal – harm.

Topics

1. What Is A Second Wave and Is One Coming?
2. Will A Second Wave Be the Same as The First?
3. Why describe disease outbreaks as 'waves'?
4. Is Talk of Waves Just Semantics?
5. Early Warning
6. The Value of Planning
7. Building Future Resilience
8. Risk and long-term future resilience to disease outbreaks
9. What Is the Forecast for The Coming Months?
10. How to strengthen national resilience.
11. Evaluating the New Risk Landscape
12. Creating Robust Crisis Plans and Procedures
13. Can More Deaths Be Prevented?
14. WITHOUT SYMPTOMS: The Mystery Of 'Silent Spreaders'
15. ENDGAME: How Do We Get Out of This Mess?
16. How Does A Virus Come Back?
17. Why Wasn't There A Second Wave Of SARS?
18. Could This Be the End of The Beginning?
19. Three Significant Pandemics

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