

Potential impact of the event/condition on patients and personnel: determined by evaluating the potential for patient illness, injury, infection, death, need for admission to an inpatient facility; the potential for personnel illness, injury, infection, shortage; potential to impact the organization's ability to function/remain open; and degree of clinical and financial impact.

Probability of the event/condition occurring determined by evaluating the risk of the potential threat occurring. Information regarding historical data, infection surveillance data, the scope of services provided by the facility, and the environment of the surrounding area (topography, interstate roads, chemical plants, railroad, ports, etc.) are considered when determining this score.

Organization's preparedness to deal with the event/condition: determined by considering policies and procedures already in place, staff experience and response to actual situations, and available services and equipment.