

Northampton County Emergency Operations Plan

2.7.4 Private Sector

The private sector represents an essential pillar of society because of the essential goods and services it provides. Moreover, it touches the majority of the population on a daily basis, through an employer-employee or vendor-customer relationship. Cooperation from the private sector is essential to help manage response and may include the following actions:

- Establish contingency systems to maintain the delivery of essential goods and services during times of significant and sustained worker absenteeism due to an emergency or disaster situation.
- Establish partnerships with other members of the sector to provide mutual support and maintenance of supply chains/essential services.
- Provide response support via materiel and provision of services.
- Provide healthcare (e.g., private hospitals).
- Support mass casualty management (e.g., funeral homes).
- Support public information campaigns by ensuring that employees are informed.