Businesses and communities are at the forefront dealing with a multitude of COVID-19-related issues, which are causing severe business disruptions. Businesses are advised to stay informed and prepare contingency plans to manage the COVID-19 novel coronavirus in North America and around the world.

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