STAGE-BASED READINESS MATRIX

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Preparedness should be proportional. The matrix links each descriptive stage to different household, information, and community or workplace priorities. It is not a prediction model and should not be read from one signal alone.

READINESS MATRIX

Stage	Household	Information	Community / work
0 - Functioning friction	Ordinary preparedness, current records, routine maintenance.	Verify before sharing; do not interpret normal errors as collapse.	Learn dependencies and document procedures.
1 - Chronic friction	Add time buffers, alternate providers, and modest redundancy.	Track trends and recovery.	Document recurring gaps and protect institutional memory.
2 - Workaround society	Know unofficial processes without relying on one insider.	Preserve primary records; distinguish formal instructions from workarounds.	Document shadow competence and cross-train.
3 - Substitution	Identify private, family, nonprofit, employer, or local substitutes that have become essential.	Verify who controls access and records.	Demand visible rules, appeal, privacy, and handoff.
4 - Fragmentation	Make records and credentials portable; maintain realistic mobility options.	Prioritize place-specific conditions over national mood.	Build interoperability across jurisdictions and providers.
5 - Contested authority	Preserve legal and administrative options; keep essentials and relocation plans current.	Verify issuing authority, territory, scope, and duration.	Keep essential services non-factional, document temporary directives, prefer reversible decisions.
6 - Rupture	Shift to survival, reunification, continuity, and lawful evacuation or shelter decisions.	Preserve source material and uncertainty.	Maintain essential civilian functions and humanitarian access where possible.

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LOCAL NOTES

Current stage assessment - if any

Evidence

Low-cost readiness action

What would justify moving back toward ordinary posture?

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