

# Pandemic Accord

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&  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)  
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)  
Region II Continuity Programs

PANDEMIC ACCORD  
Pandemic Influenza Continuity Exercise Series



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## Welcome

- **Karl Schimmeck** –  
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- **Greg Gist** –  
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- **Russell Fox** –  
United States Department of Homeland Security  
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## TTX Schedule

0830	Registration
0900	Welcome and Opening Remarks
0915	Mental Health Presentations
1030	Break
1045	Module 1: Briefing, Caucus Discussion, and Brief-Back
1200	Lunch Break
1315	Module 2: Briefing, Caucus Discussion, and Brief-Back
1430	Break
1445	Hot Wash
1600	Closing Comments



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## Mental Health Presentations

- **Randy Martin**  
▪ Humana
  
- **Julie LeBlanc**  
▪ Humana
  
- **Jessica Cole**  
Senior Incident Specific Planner  
New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene



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## Break

Please be back in your seats by 1045



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## Exercise Objective

1. Demonstrate business reconstitution approaches during post-wave recovery.
  - Mission Area: Recovery
  - Core Capability: Economic Recovery



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## Module 1: Post Wave Assessment

### BACKGROUND

- Eight months ago, a novel influenza virus that was identified as the Malta Flu spread quickly around the globe. A Pandemic was declared in August of 2014. In November of that same year, passengers on a cruise ship making a two-week trip around the Gulf of Mexico before disembarking in New York City fell ill. The virus had an attack rate of 20 to 25 percent and a case fatality rate of approximately 2 percent. The first wave of the pandemic presented in NYC around late October and lasted for approximately nine weeks. Wave I was subsequently followed by a more severe wave in January 2015, which lasted approximately eleven weeks.



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## Module 1: Post Wave Assessment

### BACKGROUND

- During both waves of the pandemic influenza, absenteeism rates were high across all sectors of employment. Consequently, not only did the financial services sector confront the challenges posed by absenteeism within its own organizations, it also faced disruptions in infrastructure, including telecommunications, utilities, postal and shipping services, supply chains, and health care. These disruptions lasted for months due to the protracted nature of this novel strain of influenza.



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## Module 1: Post Wave Assessment

### CAUCUS DISCUSSION

- Players will respond to the scenario using your knowledge of current plans and capabilities (i.e., only existing assets), and insights derived from training.
- Decisions are not precedent setting and may not reflect an organization's final position on a given issue. This exercise is an opportunity to discuss and present multiple options and possible solutions.
- Issue identification is not as valuable as suggestions and recommended actions that could improve response and recovery efforts. Problem-solving efforts should be the focus of discussions.



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## Module 1: Post Wave Assessment

### GROUP BRIEF-BACK

- Group leader will present:
  - Synopsis of discussion
  - Top three challenges
  - Top three best practices



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## Module 2: Post Wave Reconstitution

### BACKGROUND:

The World Health Organization (WHO) announces the end of Malta Flu Pandemic. The WHO and the CDC report that most susceptible persons within the population have either contracted the infection or recovered, contracted the virus and succumbed, or have been vaccinated.



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## Module 2: Post Wave Reconstitution

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## Module 2: Post Wave Reconstitution

### GROUP BRIEF-BACK

- Group leader will present:
  - Synopsis of discussion
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  - Top three best practices



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## Break

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## Hotwash

- **Identify Yourself**
- **Provide three strengths**
- **Provide three areas for improvement**



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