

EXERCISE OVERVIEW

From September 24th through October 12th, The Financial Banking Information Infrastructure Committee (FBIIC) and the Financial Services Sector Coordinating Council (FSSCC) will be conducting a pandemic flu exercise for the financial services sector in the United States. The exercise is sponsored by the U.S. Department of the Treasury and the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association.

Objectives:

- Enhance the understanding of systemic risks to the financial services sector during a possible pandemic flu outbreak in the United States
- Enhance the preparedness of the financial services sector by providing the opportunity for organizations of all sizes within the sector to test their plans
- Examine ripple effects that may occur in other infrastructures upon which the financial services sector relies

Scope:

- The exercise is open to all members of the financial services industry in the United States and will be flexible so that all sizes of financial services firms, representing all functions within the sector, and from all regions of the country will be able to participate
- There has never been an exercise of this scope in the U.S. All sub-sectors of the financial services industry are represented in the planning process. An advisory group of representatives from key sectors on which the financial services industry depends, such as power and telecommunications, as well as critical agencies such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), are also involved

Participation:

- Participants will conduct the exercise from their own locations through email and a secure website—and anonymity will be respected
- Participation is voluntary and free of charge
- Registration for the exercise will be available on the exercise website, www.fspanfluexercise.com

Format:

- Prior to September 24, participants will receive details about the exercise scenario and background information on pandemic influenza
- The weekly schedule for participants will be:
 - Monday, 9 a.m. EDT - Scenario and questions released
 - Wednesday, 5:00 p.m. EDT - Deadline for responses
- The Exercise Control Team will begin analyzing participant responses on Wednesday afternoons, meet on Thursdays and make final adjustments to the scenario on Fridays in preparation for the Monday morning release