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Friday, November 9, 2012

Post-Tropical Cyclone Sandy Situational Awareness Update:

- Emergency Declarations: CT, DE, MD, MA, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VA, WV and the District of Columbia.
- Major Disaster Declarations signed by the President for New York and New Jersey and Connecticut.
- Secretary Sebelius signed a Public Health Emergency Declaration for New York on October 31, 2012 (to ensure healthcare services are continued especially for Medicare and Medicaid subscribers) and New Jersey's was signed on November 1, 2012.
- On 09 November 2012, all critical infrastructure sectors continue to assess impacts to their assets after Hurricane Sandy's landfall on 29 October. The critical focuses remain power restoration, locating generators and fuel, housing, and commodity deliveries.
- Energy (Electricity): As of 1900 EST on 08 November, there are 708,571 customers without power in the affected states of Connecticut, Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. The increase reflects customers who have lost power due to the Nor'easter. Of these, 682,972 are in New York (315,633) and New Jersey (367,339) representing four and nine percent respectively of their states' customers. Connecticut reports 5,117 outages, Massachusetts reports 4,828 current outages, Pennsylvania reports 1,387 current outages and West Virginia is reporting 14,207 outages.

Weather:

- The National Weather Service reports the eastern U.S. will start seeing warmer and drier conditions will prevail on 09 November and continue over the weekend for areas of recovery. The next chance of rain forecast for the recovery region is on 12 and 13 November as a cold front moves through the affected region.

Other Activities:

- FEMA as the lead federal agency, and its federal partners continue to work with the states in support of their recovery efforts, the top priority is providing access to shelter for residents whose homes were severely damaged or destroyed by the storm. At the requests of New York and New Jersey, FEMA continues to deliver commodities including food, water, blankets, generators and others resources to distribution points across the region impacted by Sandy, and FEMA continues to pre-position additional resources and supplies to ensure they are in place if needed by our state and local partners to respond to the coastal low.
- Many voluntary agencies also continue to provide services to Hurricane Sandy survivors, including providing shelter, meals, and clean up supplies. Due to the cold weather conditions, state and local governments continue to operate warming stations.

For additional information please visit the following:

- FEMA: <http://www.fema.gov/sandy> 1.800.621.3362
- HHS: <http://www.phe.gov/emergency/events/Pages/sandy-midatlantic-2012.aspx>

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- Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN): <https://cs.hsin.gov> (Access to this site will require the use of your assigned HSIN-CS user name and password. If you require assistance with your HSIN password, please contact the HSIN Help Desk at hsin.helpdesk@dhs.gov or (703) 674-3003 or toll free at (866) 430-0162).
- CDC Hurricane Preparedness: <http://www.cdc.gov/Features/HurricanePreparedness/>
- Information on www.disasterassistance.gov
- Small Business Administration, disaster loans - 800.659.2955. www.sba.gov
- Appendix K within home and community based authority (www.medicaid.gov)
- CMS Website: www.cms.gov/emergency

Emergency Medical Assistance Compact:

- The Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) is a national interstate mutual aid agreement that allows states to share resources across state lines during disasters and emergencies. EMAC is administered by the National Emergency Management Association (NEMA).
- To date, there are 27 states that have deployed more than 2,100 personnel and equipment
- For additional information on EMAC, please visit: <http://www.emacweb.org/>

Rx Response:

- Power outages have increased in affected areas to 761,418. The nor'easter that struck the Northeast Wednesday and into Thursday brought strong wind gusts as well as rain and snow causing additional power outages. The majority of these new outages are in NY. Nevertheless, impact from Hurricane Sandy continues to decrease as time since landfall increases, and emergency responders have transitioned from response to recovery mode.
- Pharmacies operating in the aftermath of Sandy can help uninsured patients by using the Emergency Prescription Assistance Program which has been activated in both New York and New Jersey. Additionally, pharmacies should visit the Script Care website to see if they are listed as a participating pharmacy or call the EPAP Help Line at 866-935-4135 for assistance.
- More information on this Pharmacy Status Reporting Tool can be found at www.rxresponse.org.

Message from one of ASTHO's Corporate Alliance Members:

Scientific Technologies Corporation (www.stchome.com)

- STC is offering their standalone Mass Immunization Module to all of the states on the East Coast, free of charge. This module allows you to collect patient data and administered vaccinations rapidly, remotely, and without Internet access. This module can be loaded on thumb drives and used in combination with a laptop at multiple evacuation sites and remote health clinics. To access this application file, please go to the following link: <http://massimms.stchome.com/>.
- In support of this standalone module, STC is also offering free access to their help desk services. Please feel free to contact our help desk phone number and email below:
 - **Help Desk Phone Number:** [1-877-922-3385](tel:1-877-922-3385)
 - **Help Desk Email:** Support_services@stchome.com

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State Updates	Daily Activities
Connecticut	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No new updates.
Delaware	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No new updates.
District of Columbia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No new updates.
Maryland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No new updates.
Massachusetts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No new updates.
Maine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No updates at this time.
North Carolina	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No new updates.
New Hampshire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No new updates.
New Jersey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Governor Chris Christie signed Executive Order 108, declaring a limited state of energy emergency, regarding motor fuel. Henceforth, odd-even rationing for gasoline purchases is in effect in 12 NJ Counties. Odd-Even fuel sales take effect in 12 counties at noon on November 3, 2012 and will remain in effect for as long as the Governor's limited declared state of energy emergency Gas cans are not included in the restrictions at this point in time, it may be considered later. The NJ ROIC and NJOEM is currently at operational Level 4, continuing to respond to the effects from Hurricane Sandy and providing situational awareness reports to the State, County, Local and allied agencies. The overall State of Emergency for New Jersey is still in effect. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), at the request of New Jersey and New York, has activated its Transitional Sheltering Assistance (TSA) program. This program allows eligible survivors who are in shelters and cannot return to their homes due to damages caused by Hurricane Sandy to stay in participating hotels or motels until more suitable housing accommodations are available. Power outages remaining: 395,463 There are a total of 82 shelters open with 2984 occupants. There are 11 water systems with Boil Water Advisories. EPA Waivers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diesel fuel used in emergency generators or pumps – EPA's waiver, which was issued on 10-31, allows home heating oil to be used in place of diesel fuel in all portable diesel generators. EPA's "no action assurance", also issued today, allows home heating oil to be used in stationary emergency diesels (e.g., generators and pumps). Out-of-State Gasoline – EPA today issued a second waiver, for use of out-of-state gasoline in New Jersey and other hurricane-affected states that require reformulated (cleaner) gasoline. The waiver would allow use of conventional gasoline available outside New Jersey, for example from terminals in Albany, NY.
New York	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Major Disaster Declaration declared on October 30, 2012. The New York City Office of Emergency Management is at Level I (Full Activation with Federal coordination) Most of the public drinking water in the greater New York City (NYC) metropolitan area is fine and fit for all uses. However, Boil Water Orders

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	<p>(BWOs) are in place for a number of areas impacted by Hurricane Sandy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Division of Epidemiology Disease Control: Division of Epidemiology staff learned of a concern about gastrointestinal illness (GI) in a shelter on Long Island. • As of 4:00pm 11/8/12 there are 72 health care facilities remaining on generator power: six (6) hospitals, 46 Nursing Homes and 20 Adult Care Facilities. • EMS: EMS is polling NYC, Nassau and Suffolk counties on their use of the National Ambulance Contract (NAC) ambulances. This polling entails their current 911 system status; its stability, and the anticipated needs as the repatriation of hospitals and nursing homes begins. Ambulances will not be demobilized without the County Emergency Medical Services, Preparedness, Office of Emergency Management and County Executive approval. NAC ambulance staffing remains steady at 350 ambulances. • For additional information visit: http://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/emergency/weather/hurricane/
Pennsylvania	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 250 EMS providers and 50 ambulances are deployed in New Jersey through an EMAC request. New Jersey EMS is developing and reviewing a plan to start demobilizing PA EMS resources and allowing them to return to PA.
Vermont	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No new updates.
Rhode Island	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No new updates.
Virginia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No new updates.
West Virginia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No new updates.

ASTHO DAILY ACTION ITEMS (if any)	COMPLETE (Y/N)
ASTHO Staff will continue to maintain situational awareness and will send information out as necessary.	Yes

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