

# Post-Tropical Cyclone Sandy Daily Summary



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Wednesday, October 31, 2012

### Post-Tropical Cyclone Sandy Situational Awareness Update:

- State Emergency Operation Centers are activated in: DE, NJ, NY, MA, MD, VA, WV and District of Columbia.
- Emergency Declarations: DE, MA, MD, NH, NJ, PA, NY, VA, WV and the District of Columbia
- Major Disaster Declarations signed by the President for New York and New Jersey.
- Energy Impacts: More than 6.2 million (4 million in NY and NJ) estimated customers without power.
- 13 confirmed fatalities in CT.
- East Coast Ports still closed: New York, others are open. NY La Guardia is shut down due to flooding.
- AMTRAK resumed some service, still no service between Boston and New York.

For additional federal information please visit the following:

- FEMA: [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)
- 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](mailto:hsin.helpdesk@dhs.gov) or (703) 674-3003 or toll free at (866) 430-0162).
- CDC Hurricane Preparedness: <http://www.cdc.gov/Features/HurricanePreparedness/>

### Highlights

- On Monday, October 29, 2012, ASTHO staff reached out to the following states to request to be added to the distribution lists for situation reports pertaining to this event: Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts, Maine, North Carolina, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Virginia, Rhode Island, and West Virginia.
  - Started receiving information from Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania Virginia, and West Virginia on Monday, October 29.
- ASTHO staff participated on a Healthcare and Public Health Sector conference call at 2:00 pm ET. Another call will be held on Thursday, November 1, 2012 at 2:00 pm ET.
- Rx Response Update: Pharmacy Status Reporting Tool can be found on [www.rxresponse.org](http://www.rxresponse.org).
- Emergency Medical Assistance Compact: Over 224 emergency response and recovery personnel and other resources from across the nation are being deployed through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC). EMAC is a national interstate mutual aid agreement that allows states to share resources across state lines during disasters and emergencies. EMAC

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is administered by the National Emergency Management Association (NEMA). EMAC Advance Teams were deployed into several state emergency operations centers prior to the storm's landfall to coordinate mutual aid activities. Other resources being provided include swift water rescue teams, search and rescue teams, and incident management teams, emergency operations center support teams, ambulances, planning, logistics and operations personnel, and shelter management teams. States providing assistance through EMAC, to date, include Arkansas, Florida, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, and Washington. In addition, several states in the impacted area that received minimal damage from Hurricane Sandy are repositioning their assets to help other states. For additional information on EMAC, please visit: <http://www.emacweb.org/>.

- ASTHO is continuing to maintain situational awareness.

State Updates	Daily Activities
Connecticut	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SEOC at full activation.</li> <li>• Emergency Declaration on October 28, 2012.</li> </ul>
Delaware	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SEOC at full activation – Level 1 activation and 4 local EOCs activated.</li> <li>• The State EOC maintains at Level 1 activation.</li> <li>• Delaware received a Federal Emergency Declaration as of Oct 29th for direct federal assistance only. The State of Emergency remains in effect.</li> <li>• Nothing additional since yesterday's report.</li> </ul>
District of Columbia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DCHSEMA activated to Level IV (Full Activation; highest Level V)</li> <li>• The Mayor declared a State of Emergency</li> <li>• Emergency Declaration on October 28, 2012.</li> </ul>
Maryland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SEOC is activated to Level I (Full Activation)</li> <li>• Emergency Declaration on October 28, 2012.</li> </ul>
Massachusetts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As of 1700 hrs. on October 29</li> <li>• SEOC at full activation.</li> <li>• ESF-8 Desk is staffed 24/7 at the State Emergency Operations Center and is currently monitoring the status of: Acute Care Hospitals, Community Health Centers, Long-Term Care Facilities, and Shelters</li> <li>• Shelter Activities: Current information shows 3 shelters open with a total population of 28 occupants.</li> <li>• Department of Mental Health/Crisis Counseling Support Activities: DMH has been in contact with ESF-8 and is standing by ready to assist as needed in local shelters and elsewhere.</li> <li>• Power Outages: 228,500 remain without power as of 1500 October 30, 2012.</li> </ul>
Maine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No updates at this time.</li> </ul>
North Carolina	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No major impacts reported.</li> </ul>
New Hampshire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SEOC at full activation.</li> </ul>
New Jersey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SEOC is at Level IV (Full Activation)</li> <li>• Major Disaster Declaration declared on October 30, 2012</li> <li>• October 31, 2012- President Obama is visiting NJ to survey the damage.</li> <li>• Three water systems are subject to boil water advisory.</li> <li>• New Jersey DOT= 33 active road closures; AC Airport reopened as of 2:00 pm</li> </ul>

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	<p>on October 30, 2012; Newark International Airport reopened 7:00 am October 31, 2012; Teterboro and Essex County Airport remain closed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bridges closed: Holland Tunnel</li> <li>• Mass Transit: PATH ceased rail service on October 29, 2012, restoration of serviced TBD. NJ Transit remains suspended until further notice with limited bus service.</li> <li>• Office of Emergency Management handling 341 resource requests.</li> <li>• Power Outages: 2,024,778 as of October 31, 2012 at 8:00 am.</li> <li>• There are 127 shelters opened across the state.</li> </ul>
New York	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The SEOC is at Level I (Full Activation with possible NRF coordination)</li> <li>• Major Disaster Declaration declared on October 30, 2012.</li> <li>• The New York City Office of Emergency Management is at Level I (Full Activation with Federal coordination )</li> <li>• As of 11am ET October 29- 25,000 without power.</li> <li>• As of 1:00 pm ET, October 29 – 77 ARC shelters open with 2,340 occupants.</li> </ul> <p>As of 2:43 pm ET on October 30, 2012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Long-Term Care Facilities Evacuated = 5</li> <li>• Alternate Care Facilities Evacuated= 2 with approximately 386 residents.</li> <li>• Hospital Evacuations =1 (Coney Island); 2 hospitals on generator power</li> <li>• HEC Planning Cell working on Concept of Operations of employment of DMAT and locations of Federal Medical Stations (FMS).</li> <li>• Updated Hurricane Sandy response public webpage <a href="http://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/emergency/weather/hurricane/">http://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/emergency/weather/hurricane/</a></li> <li>• Seven (7) Federal Medical Stations (FMS) are being pre-deployed by Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to Fort Dix, New Jersey should they be requested.</li> </ul>
Pennsylvania	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SEOC at full activation.</li> <li>• Emergency Declaration on October 29, 2012.</li> <li>• Federal emergency aid has been made available to supplement commonwealth and local response efforts due to the emergency conditions resulting from Hurricane Sandy beginning on October 26, 2012.</li> </ul> <p>As of 1600 October 30, 2012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hospitals: 9 hospitals and 13 long term care facilities on generator power. This information changes frequently.</li> <li>• EMS Strike Teams: New Jersey has requested 25 ALS and 10 BLS ambulances plus any required support personnel to support evacuation efforts. New Jersey is currently establishing a staging area at the Atlantic City airport for these resources. Pennsylvania is pulling pre-designated EMS Strike Teams from across the Commonwealth to support this request.</li> <li>• MSEC Trailers: 1 Medical Surge Emergency Cache (MSEC) trailers (with beds and other medical supplies that support up to 50 patients each) has been deployed: Chester County, 10-27-2012</li> </ul>
Vermont	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SEOC at full activation.</li> </ul>
Rhode Island	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SEOC at full activation.</li> <li>• Emergency Declaration on October 29, 2012.</li> <li>• Long-term care facility status: 1 nursing home evacuated and building still on</li> </ul>

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	generator power; 3 nursing homes on generator power; 2 assisted living facilities on generator power.
Virginia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emergency Declaration on October 29, 2012.</li> <li>• The VEOC is at Response Operations and is transitioning to Recovery Operations.</li> <li>• Virginia has been awarded federal disaster assistance to support emergency response efforts. Specifically, FEMA is authorized to deploy federal resources if needed by local and state officials.</li> <li>• VDH is staffing VEOC ESF 8 virtually (with rep on-call); and ESF-3 in-person.</li> <li>• VDH Severe Weather IMT remains activated, convening for daily conferences / updates.</li> <li>• <b>VDH Planning Priorities:</b> Casualty management, healthcare facility impacts/recovery, public health impacts, fatality management, situational awareness, public information management, continuity of operations, commence collecting lessons learned for VDH after action report.</li> <li>• <b>Operational initiatives:</b> Outreach to long-term care facilities continues; no reports of resource / assistance requests; VDH has closed the Chesapeake Bay and the Seaside of the Eastern Shore to the harvesting of shellfish effective through Sunday, November 4, 2012; This condemnation is preemptive, based on the potential for contamination of shellfish growing areas due to storm surge, rainfall with its attendant runoff, and sewage bypasses. DSS staff will monitor the situation as it unfolds, and will conduct a reassessment on Wednesday morning, October 31, 2012; Health and Medical Emergency Response Team (HMERT) resources are on alert. No requests for support have been received; VDH is staffing VEOC ESF 8 virtually (with rep on-call); and ESF-3 in-person; VDH Incident Management Team is convening daily for situational awareness and to review actions taken / develop next steps; VEOC has requested VDH (Office of Drinking Water engineers) participation in conducting local Initial Damage Assessments (IDA), start time TBD.</li> <li>• <b>Resource Support:</b> no local VDH ESF 8 and 3 resource requests, and no requests for federal support.</li> <li>• <b>Transportation:</b> Roads Impacted as of 0300 hours: Total – 246</li> <li>• <b>Communications:</b> Currently reporting <b>19</b> state facilities are experiencing IT outages. Verizon is dispatching repair technicians to these sites.</li> <li>• <b>Emergency Management:</b> Coordinating <b>34</b> requests for assistance across the Commonwealth.</li> <li>• <b>Energy:</b> Approximately 44,000 (down from 93,000) customers are currently without power across the State as of 0400 hours 31 October. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dominion VA Power: 22,677 (22,591 in Northern VA)</li> <li>- Appalachian Power: 10,820</li> <li>- Electric Co-operatives: 10,403</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
West Virginia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SEOC is activated to Full Activation.</li> <li>• Emergency Declaration on October 29, 2012.</li> <li>• Power outages: As of October 30, 2012 there are over 265,000 households across the state without power</li> <li>• Governor made a request for Federal assistance</li> </ul>

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	<p><u>Liaison</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DHHS Regional Emergency Coordinator (REC) at Health Command fully engaged</li> </ul> <p><u>Operations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coordinated with health desk at EOC to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have oxygen bottles delivered to Wyoming County EMS</li> <li>To obtain generator for heating system in Boone County; generator approved-should be available tonight</li> <li>To obtain support for clearing power line right of way</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><i>Mass Care/Sheltering (ESF-6)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working with FEMA Voluntary Agency Liaisons and VOAD to identify potential shelters</li> <li>Developing sheltering lists to distribute to DHSEM, CTP, Red Cross, VOAD for dissemination</li> </ul> <p><i>Behavioral Health</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Crisis response teams and state facilities on standby and alert.</li> </ul> <p><i>Local Health Dept</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Used survey instrument to collect local health department daily status updates.</li> <li>Conducted LHD briefing at 1300, 36 participated</li> <li>All 49 LHDs contacted by Division of Local Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>23 LHDs closed to public, but providing essential services</li> <li>23 LHDs open to the public and fully operational</li> <li>3 LHDs open to the public, but providing essential services</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><i>Healthcare System Coordination and Support:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working with CTP points of contact (POCs) for WV Primary Care Association, WV Hospital Association, Behavioral Health and Health Facilities, OFLAC and WV Long Term Care Association to assess the status of their individual facilities.</li> </ul> <p><i>Risk Communications:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Press Release re: Carbon Monoxide Poisoning released this morning</li> <li>Sent CO Poisoning Press Release &amp; CO info sheets to LHDs</li> <li>Updated PowerPoint slides for Governor</li> <li>Worked on Press Release re: Chainsaw Safety &amp; sent to Communications</li> <li>Continued to work on Press Release re: Downed Power Lines</li> </ul>
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ASTHO DAILY ACTION ITEMS (if any)	COMPLETE (Y/N)
ASTHO Staff will continue to monitor Situation Reports and share information as appropriate.	Yes

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