

# Post-Tropical Cyclone Sandy Daily Summary



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Thursday, November 1, 2012

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

- State Emergency Operation Centers are activated in: DE, MA, MD, NH, NJ, NY, PA, VA, WV and District of Columbia.
- 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.
- Secretary Sebelius signed a Public Health Emergency Declaration for New York on October 31, 2012 (to ensure healthcare services continued to be delivered).
- Fatalities: 59 fatalities in US; 62 in Caribbean; and 2 in Canada
- AMTRAK resumed some service, providing modified service between New Jersey and Boston.
- Hospitals and Nursing homes on generator power: October 31, 2012
  - National Level Numbers (could be data gaps)
    - 3 Hospital evacuations and 24 hospitals on generator
    - 18 nursing homes evacuated and 122 nursing homes on generator power
- Shelters across the region: 267 shelters are opened with 13,000 occupants across 15 states.
- Power Outages: As of 9:00 am on November 1, 2012, there are 4,657,000 still without power. It is estimated to take up to a week to get power restored in New York.

For additional information please visit the following:

- FEMA: [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)
- HHS: <http://www.phe.gov/emergency/events/Pages/sandy-midatlantic-2012.aspx>
- 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 Friday, November 2, 2012 at 2:00 pm ET.

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- Rx Response Update: Pharmacy Status Reporting Tool can be found on [www.rxresponse.org](http://www.rxresponse.org).

## **Emergency Medical Assistance Compact:**

- Currently, there are more than 514 personnel and equipment from 20 states assisting in the recovery efforts from Hurricane Sandy with more on the way. These resources are being provided 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 is administered by the National Emergency Management Association (NEMA).
- One of the largest needs is staffing for shelters to house thousands of displaced residents in New Jersey and New York. Other resources being provided include EMAC Advance Teams in state emergency operations centers, swift water rescue teams, search and rescue teams, 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, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Utah and Washington. For additional information on EMAC, please visit: <http://www.emacweb.org/>.

## **Message from one of ASTHO's Corporate Alliance Members:** **Scientific Technologies Corporation ([www.stchome.com](http://www.stchome.com))**

- As the cleanup efforts are getting underway from Hurricane Sandy, STC realizes the importance of tracking and accessing your jurisdiction's immunization records. To this end, we are offering our 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. Once each immunization event is completed, the data is exportable to your state's immunization registry. This application module is compatible with *any* state's immunization registry. 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 you free access to our help desk services. We have extensive experience in disaster support related to immunizations, including on-scene and remote support to Louisiana immediately following Hurricane Katrina. 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](mailto:Support_services@stchome.com)
- Additionally, STC has a highly specialized public health advisory and professional services staff that is well equipped to offer assistance in staff augmentation, strategy, and post-event assessments. We will make our services available at a reduced fee for any public health efforts related to Hurricane Sandy. Please feel free to contact us for any reason and let us know how we can be of assistance. Our thoughts are with you during this difficult time.

State Updates	Daily Activities
Connecticut	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No new updates.</li></ul>
Delaware	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No new updates.</li></ul>

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District of Columbia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No new updates.</li> </ul>
Maryland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No new updates.</li> </ul>
Massachusetts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No new updates.</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 new updates.</li> </ul>
New Hampshire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No new updates.</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 visited NJ to survey the damage.</li> <li>Three water systems are subject to boil water advisory.</li> <li><i>Mass Transit</i>: 80% of New Jersey's Statewide Bus System Restored, Including Service to New York's Port Authority Bus Terminal</li> <li>Power Outages: 2,024,778 as of October 31, 2012 at 8:00 am.</li> <li>As of 8:00 am on October 31, 2012, there were 127 shelters opened across the state.</li> </ul>
New York	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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> </ul> <p>As of 2:01 am on November 1, 2012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Division of Epidemiology Disease Control is monitoring for communicable diseases that might be related to the hurricane through Syndromic surveillance of emergency department chief complaint data and electronic reports from clinical laboratories and Local Health Departments (LHD).</li> <li>Currently there are 250 ambulances at Floyd Bennett Field. Fifty (50) in Nassau County and 50 in Suffolk County.</li> <li>Total evacuated patients from healthcare facilities: 2,950</li> </ul> <p><b>Federal Asset Update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Disaster Medical Assistance Teams (DMAT) has arrived and is being split between following SMNS sites: Park Slope Armory, Lehman, York College, Brooklyn Tech, Queens College, John Jay, and Hunter. ~25 DMAT personnel will be deployed per site.</li> <li>Two (2) Federal Medical Stations (FMS) arriving – one (1) is on the ground and going to the Harlem Armory. DCAS and OEM looking into location for second one. Each one includes 250 bed configurations and ~80 (medical/non-medical) per team.</li> </ul> <p><b>Volunteers:</b> There was a request from Suffolk County for fifty (50) nurses/medical personnel from MRCs to staff public shelters. All ServNY volunteer coordinators were advised of the request. Email notification was sent to 3, 487 ServNY (state) volunteers registered in Albany, Orange, Putnam, Dutchess, Sullivan, Columbia, Greene, Delaware, Rensselaer, Schoharie, Ulster, Rockland and Schenectady Counties.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The New York City Public Health Laboratory is without power and is still closed, however Tuberculosis (TB) clinics in the City are open</li> </ul> <p><b>Immunization</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bureau of Immunization (BOI) contacted Suffolk, Nassau, Westchester and Rockland county health departments in order to assess immunization needs.</li> </ul>

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	<p>BOI will continue to assist affected LHDs with immunization needs, vaccine preventable disease surveillance, and/or coordination. Staff is contacting all impacted LHDs to assess their interest in obtaining additional TDAP and Tetanus/Diphtheria (Td) vaccine to administer to workers or residents engaged in clean-up efforts.</p> <p><b>Environmental Health</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff working on exposures to standing flood waters in neighborhoods contaminated with sewage and petroleum/fuel oil products and the potential for private well contamination from said flood waters. Following these discussions NYSDOH staff provided SCHD with information existing on NYSDOH's web site on how to respond to public concerns related to preventing exposures to contaminants present in flood waters and private wells impacted by flood waters.</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> </ul>
Pennsylvania	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No new updates.</li> </ul>
Vermont	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No new updates.</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 generator power; 1 nursing home on generator power.</li> <li>DMAT was deployed to Brooklyn, NY where they will be providing medical care to a large-scale shelter operation.</li> </ul>
Virginia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Virginia Disaster Medical Assistance Team (VA-1 DMAT) is deploying to assist in response / recovery operations in New Jersey.</li> <li>VEOC has requested VDH (Office of Drinking Water engineers) participation in conducting local Initial Damage Assessments (IDA).</li> <li>VDH is working to identify personnel for potential deployment in response to EMAC requests.</li> <li>Environmental Health Teams providing emergency well disinfection information in flooded areas, and assisting in reopening of restaurants after power outages.</li> <li></li> </ul>
West Virginia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are still approximately 200,000 households without power as of October 31, 2012.</li> <li><i>Local Health</i> <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, 29 participated.</li> <li>48 LHDs contacted by Division of Local Health (1 unreachable):           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>19 LHD's reported OES has stood down command</li> <li>36 LHD's reported status as "fully operational and open to the public"</li> <li>12 LHD's are closed to the public</li> <li>1 LHD reported status as "essential services only and open to the public"</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 4 LHD's reported use of generator power</li> <li>▪ 3 LHD's reported no water</li> <li>▪ 7 LHD's reported no phone</li> <li>▪ 12 LHD's reported no internet</li> <li>▪ 2 LHD's reported inability to account for all staff (2 individuals)</li> <li>• <i>Healthcare System Coordination and Support:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Six Long Term Care Centers on generators.</li> <li>○ Two hospitals on generators.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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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

Distributed to: State Health Officials, Senior Deputies, Directors of Public Health Preparedness, and ASTHO Staff

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