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Friday, November 2, 2012

Post-Tropical Cyclone Sandy Situational Awareness Update:

- State Emergency Operation Centers are activated in: CT, MD, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, and WV.
- 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.
- Fatalities: 59 fatalities in US; 62 in Caribbean; and 2 in Canada
- All airports are open.
- Shelters across the region: 350 shelters are opened with 15,000 occupants across 10 states.
- Power Outages: As of 10:00 am on November 2, 2012, there are 3.6 million customers still without power.
- Monitoring fuel issues especially access to fuel for vehicles and generators.
- On October 31, due to pipeline disruptions distributing fuel to the northeast, EPA waived requirements for the use of Reformulated Gasoline in the following states: Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Virginia and the District of Columbia. In addition, also waived were additional requirements prohibiting "blending" of certain types of gasoline, applicable in each of these states, as well as in Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Tennessee, South Carolina, and North Carolina, to facilitate distribution of fuel to areas affected by Hurricane Sandy, through November 20, 2012. <http://epa.gov/enforcement/air/documents/fuelwaivers/multistate-fuelwaiver103112.pdf>

For additional information please visit the following:

- FEMA: 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 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,

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Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts, Maine, North Carolina, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Virginia, Rhode Island, and West Virginia.

- ASTHO staff participated on a Healthcare and Public Health Sector conference call at 2:00 pm ET. Calls are suspended for the weekend. CIP staff will reassess if calls need to resume on Monday, November 5, 2012.
- Rx Response Update: Pharmacy Status Reporting Tool can be found on www.rxresponse.org.

Emergency Medical Assistance Compact:

- Currently, there are more than 726 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)**

- 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
- 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

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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 |
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| 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"> The SEOC is at Level IV (Full Activation) Major Disaster Declaration declared on October 30, 2012 <p>Updates as of 8:00 am on November 2, 2012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Governor Chris Christie announced on November 1, 2012 that he has granted the Cape May and Atlantic County government's request to rescind the mandatory evacuation order for the barrier islands. Mandatory evacuations ordered by the Governor in other areas of the state continue to remain in effect until conditions have been determined to allow for the lifting of travel restrictions and the safe and orderly return of residents. Mandatory evacuations have been lifted in the following municipalities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ATLANTIC COUNTY CAPE MAY COUNTY Brigantine Beach Wildwood Margate City Wildwood Crest Longport Borough North Wildwood West Wildwood Avalon Stone Harbor Ocean City Sea Isle City Power Outages: 1,505,226 as of November 2, 2012 at 8:00 am. SHELTERS: 6,922 persons and 48 pets are being cared for in 104 shelters. There are 15 water systems subject to a boil water advisory. EPA Waivers (Diesel fuel used in emergency generators or pumps) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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). This complements the Governor's Office press release and the DEP Enforcement Alert issued today. Out-of-State Gasoline: EPA today issued a second waiver, for use of out-of-state gasoline in New Jersey and other hurricane- |

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| | <p>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.</p> |
| 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) <p>As of 2:35 am on November 2, 2012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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). Currently there are 265 ambulances at Floyd Bennett Field. Fifty (50) in Nassau County and 25 in Suffolk County. Fifteen (15) ambulances from Suffolk County have been redeployed to Floyd Bennett Field. This will allow greater depth in the rotation for 911 and facility evacuation calls. Total evacuated patients from healthcare facilities: 2,950 <p>Federal Asset Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT) has been deployed to Brookdale Nursing Home. 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. <p>Volunteers: 30 ServNY volunteers were mobilized at Walmart in Glenmont, NY at (7:00 PM) on 11/1/12 and were deployed to the Suffolk County shelter located at John Jay Skilled Nursing Facility. An additional 5 ServNY volunteers who lived in the Suffolk area will be reporting to duty on 11/2/12. Additional ServNY volunteers who responded to the canvassing notification for volunteers for the sheltering operations were directed to the NYC Medical Reserve Corp (MRC) call center. Additional calls responding to the ServNY volunteer request have continued throughout the evening, 11/1/12.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The EMS desk continues to monitor the evacuation of ACFs/ NHs and hospitals and the use of the American Medical Response (AMR) ambulances. <p>Immunization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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>Environmental Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 |

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| | <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bureau of Water Supply Protection (BWSP) continues to track additional reports of Boil Water Orders (BWO) as Local Health Department (LHD) offices and water utilities come back online. • Updated Hurricane Sandy response public webpage http://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/emergency/weather/hurricane/ |
| Pennsylvania | <p>Updates as of November 1, 2012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMS: 25 ALS and 10 BLS Ambulances plus 162 required support personnel deployed to New Jersey on 10-30-12. • EMAC is being extended to these 34 units until Monday, November 5, 2010. A second EMAC was received for an additional 35 units to be deployed to NJ. • Healthcare: 16 Long-term care facilities on generator power. |
| 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"> • Virginia Disaster Medical Assistance Team (VA-1 DMAT) is deploying to assist in response / recovery operations in New Jersey. • VDH is working to identify personnel for potential deployment in response to EMAC requests. • Environmental Health Teams providing emergency well disinfection information in flooded areas, and assisting in reopening of restaurants after power outages. • As of November 1, 2012 there are still approximately 5,980 customers without power. • The last situation report was distributed on November 2, 2012 and VDH is working on recovery and mitigation efforts. |
| West Virginia | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are still approximately 154,000 households without power as of November 1, 2012 • <i>Environmental Health:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 474 Community Water Systems (CWS) statewide ○ Total population served: 1,507,250 and 55 of the CWS continue to be affected. • <i>Healthcare System Coordination and Support:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Five Long Term Care Centers on generators. ○ Six hospitals on generators. |

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