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Wednesday, November 7, 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.
- FEMA reports 79 (n/c) confirmed storm-related fatalities in nine states. There are 650,416 customers without power. Likely impacts from the incoming Nor'easter storm include downed trees and power lines from strong winds, as well as significant beach erosion and overwash from storm surge and large waves. Electric utilities expect the storm to slow or temporarily stop power restoration activities. Federal agencies continue to focus on providing housing support, power restoration, and debris removal.
- Progress is being made in restoring power. With fewer than 1 million customers without power along the East Coast, electricity and fuel issues remain the most pressing issues from Hurricane Sandy.

Weather:

- The Nor'easter storm system continues to track north to a position off the New Jersey coast this afternoon and evening. High Wind Warnings are in effect across the recovery area. Winds of 30 to 40 mph, with gusts up to 60 mph, are expected.
- Coastal Flood Warnings remain in effect until Thursday morning. Moderate flooding is expected during high tides today and tonight, and water levels may not recede much between the two high tides. Snowfall of two to four inches is forecast across the region as cold air is drawn into the storm.
- Winter Storm Warnings are in effect near Philadelphia, where three to five inches of snow are possible this afternoon and evening. Monitoring fuel issues especially access to fuel for vehicles and generators.

Other Activities:

- States and non-governmental organizations like the Southern Baptist Convention, the Salvation Army, and the American Red Cross continue to provide services to Hurricane Sandy survivors.
- The Southern Baptist Convention deployed 55 field kitchens to affected states with a capacity of 615,000 meals per day in support of the American Red Cross. Additional resources deployed include childcare teams, shower units, laundry units, cleanup/muck-out teams, chainsaw crews, and emotional & spiritual care teams.
- The Salvation Army has also provided 213 feeding units with the capacity of 318,300 meals per day in support of the American Red Cross.

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- The American Red Cross has mobilized 1,700 disaster workers from all over the country who have served more than 25,000 meals and snacks. The American Red Cross has also activated 167 response vehicles and staged more than 230,000 ready-to-eat meals. These three organizations, in coordination with many others, are working tirelessly to continue meeting the needs of the survivors.

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, 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.

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 2,000 personnel and equipment
- A National EMAC Liaison Team (NELT) continues to be co-located in the Federal Emergency Management Agency National Response Coordination Center to ensure that assistance is coordinated.
- As communities continue to assess the damage from Sandy, law enforcement teams have arrived from other states to provide security in hard-hit areas.
- Additional states providing assistance through EMAC, to date, include Alabama, California, Connecticut, Michigan, Rhode Island, Vermont and Virginia. For additional information on EMAC, please visit: <http://www.emacweb.org/>

Rx Response:

- Progress is being made in restoring power. With fewer than 1 million customers without power along the East Coast, electricity and fuel issues remain the most pressing issues from Hurricane Sandy. A coastal storm is expected to impact the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast 11/7-11/9 and may result in additional power outages.
- Numerous hospitals and nursing facilities are still running on generator power. The [Emergency Prescription Assistance Program](#), which provides assistance for those who do not have insurance has been activated for many counties in New Jersey and New York has made the decision to

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activate EPAP, however it is not active as of this report. While all pharmacies accept EPAP regardless of location (as long as patient in question is from affected areas), only pharmacies with a contractual relationship with [Script Care](#) accept EPAP coverage. During declared disaster where EPAP is activated, pharmacies may call the EPAP Help Line at 866-935-4135 for additional information.

- The New Jersey and New York State Boards of Pharmacy have released directives on emergency operating procedures for pharmacies during the post-Hurricane Sandy state of emergency. The directives include information on Schedule II refills and temporary / mobile pharmacy permits. The New Jersey directive and the New York directive are both on [InfoCenter](#) and should not be distributed to the public.
- 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)**

- 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 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	• No new updates.
Delaware	• No new updates.
District of Columbia	• No new updates.
Maryland	• No new updates.
Massachusetts	• No new updates.
Maine	• No updates at this time.
North Carolina	• No new updates.
New Hampshire	• No new updates.
New Jersey	• The SEOC is at Level IV (Full Activation)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major Disaster Declaration declared on October 30, 2012 • 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: 765,197 • There are a total of 94 shelters open with 5,048 occupants. • There are five 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 (BWOs) are in place for a number of areas impacted by Hurricane Sandy. • As of 4:00 pm ET on 11/6/12 there are 85 health care facilities remaining on generator power: three (3) hospitals, 50 nursing homes (NH) and 32 adult care facilities (ACFs.) • NYC is assessing coastal healthcare facilities to assure sufficient resiliency in light of impending severe weather. • A patient tracking system was implemented on 11/6/12, to collect patient data from all HCFs and home care agencies in MARO so they can locate patients evacuated during the hurricane. • A press release was issued on facility evacuations in the Rockaways. The facilities include three nursing homes as well as one adult care center. These

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	<p>four facilities are in the most heavily-impacted area of the Rockaways and have been successfully operating on generator power. A Nor'easter Storm surge coming later this week could compromise their generators, putting the elderly residents at risk in the cold and dark, necessitating an evacuation. All facilities were to be evacuated by 11/6/12.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Press releases are pending on infant formula distribution and health tips for potential cold and extreme weather. • A request was made for eighteen (18) RNs to assist with medical surge at the Nassau County Medical Center and South Nassau Community Hospital. • An additional verbal request came from the Incident Response Command Team Operations chief requesting twenty-two (22) medical professionals with a combination of RNs and paramedics. • The Center for Environmental Health (CEH) and the Office of Health and Safety are working together to develop employee health and safety information for staff deployed in emergency response. • There are 155 National Ambulance Contract (NAC) units providing evacuation resources. Fifty (50) NAC units remain in Suffolk County and 35 NAC units remain in Nassau County, with 110 on standby at Floyd Bennett Field. • For additional information visit: http://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/emergency/weather/hurricane/
Pennsylvania	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 150 EMS providers and 35 ambulances will stay in service in New Jersey through Sunday, 11-11-2012. The EMS Strike Teams are supporting 911 calls. • 15 ambulances and approximately 100 EMS providers will deploy to New Jersey on Wednesday, 11-07-2012 through Sunday, 11-11-2012. • PA DOH is tracking 16 fatalities; 12 confirmed as storm related deaths; 1 confirmed as non-storm related; 3 in the process of confirmation.
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"> • Power outages: Approximately 26,000 still without power • <i>Mass Care/Sheltering (ESF-6)- 26 shelters open, 128 head count</i>

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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