

Healthcare and Public Health Sector
Critical Infrastructure Protection
Hurricane Sandy Conference Call Highlights
Thursday, November 1, 2012

Purpose of this call:

- The purpose of this call is to update public and private sector partners.
- Overall assessment of how the nation is doing.

Current Situation:

- 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 are continued especially for Medicare and Medicaid subscribers).
- 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
 - o 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.

Federal Response:

- Looking at 1135 waivers (www.cms.gov)
 - o Three have been issued thus far.
- There are 513 HHS employees deployed to region 1 and 3.
- There is a 150 person DMAT team sent to NJ to assist in staffing shelter operations and 9 DMAT teams sent to NY and others are on standby.
- There is a federal medical station ready to be activated.
- National Response Coordination Center is at Level 2 activation

RxResponse Resources (www.rxresponse.org)

- Pharmacy Reporting Tool is up on the website.
- Supply Chain Issues: Some facilities are without power, and some are on generator. No major reports on supply. The issues are with delivery and shipping because of fuel issues and unable to get to places because of transportation issues (i.e., road closures). Majority of deliveries are being made where pharmacies are open. They are seeing a three day lag in shipment.

Homeland Security Information Network (HSIN) Incident Site

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An incident page has been established on the HSIN-HPH portal to provide current information on the ongoing planning and response. The HSIN incident page is located at

<https://cs.hsin.gov/hph-sites/incidents/is11/default.aspx> (you will be prompted to login to your account to view). If you have an account but need assistance with your HSIN password, please contact the help desk at 703-674-3003 or hsin.helpdesk@dhs.gov. For first time users, please contact CIP@hhs.gov.