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HEALTHCARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH SECTOR TROPICAL STORM MICHAEL INCIDENT RESPONSE CALL *KEY TAKEAWAYS*

Action Items

- CIP will email NBEOC to get Alabama POC contact from Region IV.
- NBEOC will follow up regarding status of weather impacts in Mississippi.
- CMS will follow up with KCER to see if there are any issues with receiving UPS packages due to UPS delivery disruptions.

General Updates

- These updates are from the Healthcare and Public Health (HPH) Sector Hurricane Michael response call held on Thursday, October 11, 2018 at 1:00 p.m .ET. This call features federal, state, local, and private sector partners focused on protecting the national healthcare and public health critical infrastructure. It was facilitated by the [Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Assistant Secretary of Preparedness and Response Division of Critical Infrastructure Protection](#) (ASPR CIP). For questions on any of the contents of this report, please e-mail CIP@hhs.gov.

Weather

- As of 5:00 a.m. EDT, Tropical Storm Michael will continue to weaken and increase in forward speed today as it continues to move northeast over the Southeast U.S. The core of Michael will move through east-central Georgia this morning, then move northeastward across the Carolinas through late Thursday, and then venture off the Mid-Atlantic coast by early Friday. Rainfall amounts of 3 to 6 inches will be seen on average with locally higher amounts possible.
- For more updates, consult the [National Weather Service Hurricane Michael](#) website.

Federal Health

- Federal health assets have 2 primary missions today:
 - Florida urban search and rescue
 - Health and Medical Task Forces have been deployed to casualty collection points
- Healthcare Facility Reload/Support
 - Teams are also deploying for ED decompression in Panama City
 - A DMORT is engaged with the state and will be providing technical support
 - 1 mental health team and 1 service access team are also deploying
 - Ambulance contract was activated yesterday
- No asks for federal support yet in Georgia

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- For requesting DMATS:
 - The best way for individual hospitals to report shortfalls or needs/requirements is to go through your county emergency management to be entered into WebEOC rather than requesting a DMAT. Reporting specific requirements and shortfalls will help to scope the request accordingly.
 - The request will go to state ESF8, and they will evaluate how to fill the request. If the state ESF8 can't fill the request they'll reach out to our RECs who are embedded in the state EOC to discuss options.
 - If the Federal Health Coordinating Official agrees on the course of action, the RECs help the state ESF8 to write the request for federal assistance.
- Florida county POCs can be found at FloridaDisasters.org/counties.
- ASPR TRACIE has received a number of technical assistance requests, particularly for the [Joint Commission Emergency Management Checklist](#). TRACIE also has a [hurricane planning page](#).

CMS - 1135 Waivers

- CMS has posted approved blanket waivers on its [CMS emergency webpage](#). Those have been granted for Florida due to the public health emergency declaration.
- Individual facilities do not have a special application or form to fill out, they simply need to contact the [CMS Atlanta regional office](#) to let them know what they are seeking. CMS will supply technical assistance where needed.
- CMS is also providing flexibility for special enrollment for all Medicare beneficiaries, giving some relief on special enrollment periods.
- CMS has posted [disaster preparedness toolkit](#) for state Medicaid.
- CMS provided relevant links:
 - cms.gov/emergency
 - [Special Enrollment Periods](#)
- Dialysis links:
 - [ESRD Network](#)
 - [Kidney Community Emergency Response](#) (KCER)

FDA

- FDA's EOC is activated at Level II: increased operations.
- FDA is closely communicating with its district offices in the field in affected states.
- Initial focus was on safety and status of FDA staff and facilities in impacted areas.
- FDA is currently reviewing list of firms in areas expected to be impacted, zeroing on sole source providers that would have an impact on national product supplies. The analysis is ongoing.
- In addition to internal agency work, FDA is in communication with other federal agencies to discuss response operations.

Interdependencies

FEMA NBEOC

- The NBEOC will have a call at 4:00 p.m. today and continues to update its [online dashboard](#) with information on lifeline interdependency sectors.

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- The NBEOC Michael dashboard has access and re-entry information available for the impacted states.
- Current NBEOC priorities include focusing on lifeline sectors (health and medical, fuel, transportation). They are also working with the retail industry, hotel and lodging industry, and food/water sector to explore any challenges faced by them.

Transportation

- FL State Highway Patrol closed the Trammel Bridge on State Road 20 over the Apalachicola River; the Walker Bridge remains closed, however, the Hathaway Bridge is now open
- Florida airports: Closures reported on US-98 and SR-93, SR-363, and SR-30. Pensacola International Airport (PNS) re-opened October 10; Tallahassee International Airport, Northwest Florida Beaches International Airport, Destin Ft. Walton Beach Airport, Destin Executive, Naval Air Station Pensacola, and Warner Robbins Air Force Base will re-open October 11; Tyndall Air Force Base will re-open October 15
- Alabama airports: Dothan Regional Airport expected to re-open October 11
- Georgia Airports: Valdosta Regional Middle Regional Airport and Southwest Georgia Regional Airport will re-open October 11 (Georgia)
- Mass transit agencies closed in 10 counties and cities; 3 agencies open for emergency service only
- Ports of Cedar Key, Panama City, Pensacola closed; all ports from Tarpon Springs, FL and north closed. Savannah and Brunswick ports open with restrictions.
- Dothan Regional Airport expected to re-open October 11
- Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, open with restrictions; Gulf Intercoastal Waterway, open with restrictions (closed from mile marker 166 east).

Energy

- Department of Energy (DOE) estimates a 2.8% outage in FL (260,200 customers); estimate is based on a predictive outage model that only estimates peak customer outages within the available 72-hour wind swath and may not account for all variables
- Pre-positioning temporary power (generators, fuel, and propane) at ISB Maxwell
- Gas stations (Pensacola, Panama City, and Tallahassee) beginning to see increased demand for fuel as residents evacuate

DHS NRMCC

- The DHS National Risk Management Center (NRMCC) is developing products examining critical infrastructure impacts in the affected areas. The NRMCC is working with CIP to ensure healthcare concerns are being captured. The issues they have flagged related to healthcare thus far are related to interdependencies such as water and power.

State and Local Partners

- ASTHO is collecting information and situational awareness and sharing that with the states. Have not activated incident management system yet. Its role is to monitor and pay attention to states

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impacted. The Region IV Planning Committee is meeting. There has been discussion regarding relocation efforts.

- NACCHO continues to monitor and work with its local partners to share information.

Sector Coordinating Council – Subsectors

Direct Patient Care

- The Florida Hospital Association reported they are actively working on evacuation of several medical facilities in the Panama City region. Two largest hospitals in the area are damaged and are being evacuated. Resources are inbound and patient movement is underway. Concerns include water, generator power, and the ability of facilities to maintain community care as they come back online.
- The Georgia Hospital Association reported Georgia has no hospitals with major damage or evacuations to report at this time.

Supply Chain

- There are no major concerns associated with distribution. There was one issue with re-entry in Georgia but as there are evacuations there are no major concerns at this time.
- UPS has a number of zip codes they are not delivering to. This is not currently caused any problems, but the Medical Materials Coordinating Group is continuing to monitor.
- [RxOpen is active for Hurricane Michael.](#)

Mass Fatality

- No update.

Laboratories

- A few patient centers are closed, but others are able to assist.

Blood

- No update.

Health Plans and Payers

- No update.

Health Information Technology

- No update.

Additional Discussion

- No updates.