PREPARING FOR HURRICANE SEASON 2020

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AGENDA

- 2020 Hurricane Season Forecast
- COVID-19 Considerations
- Recommendations for Planning and Preparation
- Support from International SOS

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2020 HURRICANE FORECAST

2020 Atlantic Hurricane Season Outlook

- Named storms: 13-19
- Hurricanes: 6-10
- Major hurricanes: 3-6

Season probability:
- Above-normal: 10%
- Near-normal: 60%
- Below-normal season: 30%

Be prepared: Visit hurricanes.gov and follow @NWS and @NHC_Atlantic on Twitter.

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www.noaa.gov/media-release/busy-atlantic-hurricane-season-predicted-for-2020
AT RISK ZONES
TYPES OF DISRUPTION

• Flooding
• Blocked or damaged roads
• Flight cancelations or airport closures
• Telecommunications, electricity, water supply
• Supply chain
COVID-19 CONSIDERATIONS FOR ORGANIZATIONS

• Overstretched local / national emergency services
• Access to shelters
• Need for stand-fast alternatives
• Already limited commercial flight options
• Financial constraints at all levels
COVID-19 CONSIDERATIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS

- Difficult to move large numbers of individuals
- Supply chain
- Impact to business operations
- Deterioration of security environment
- Increased COVID-19 exposure if Second Wave
REMOTE WORKFORCE IMPLICATIONS

Pros
• Able to evacuate / re-locate sooner
• Easier business continuity transition
• Fewer recovery needs for brick & mortar

Cons
• Accountability challenges
• Need to stock up on essential supplies
• Loss of power for individuals to hinder WFH
WFH PREPARATION

- Adequate shelter
- Supplies
- Safety Equipment & First Aid
- Communication Equipment
- Accountability protocols
- Incident Reporting
- Evacuation Planning
EVACUATION CHALLENGES

- Reduced shelter/accommodation options
- Impacted supply chain
- Interstate pandemic restrictions
- Public Health limitations
- Financial considerations
- State & Federal support
PLANNING

WHAT ORGANIZATIONS CAN DO

BEST PRACTICES IN PLANNING

- Workforce assessment
- Vulnerability assessment
- Evacuation Thresholds
- Crisis Management Team Location
- Pandemic Response Posture
- Update Business Continuity
PLANNING

WHAT ORGANIZATIONS CAN DO

BEST PRACTICES IN PLANNING

- Supply Chain
- Vendor Engagement
- Scenario-based plans & exercises
  - Pre: evacuation vs stand fast
  - Response: locate and retrieve
  - Recovery: Supplies, medical care, infrastructure, return

Resources
- Pre-scripted communications and modes
- Supply inventory – on ground and near
PLANNING

HOW ARE WE PREPARING FOR HURRICANE SEASON

INTERNATIONAL SOS

Country planning trips to assess local capabilities and limitations.

Vetting and certification of providers to include logistics, maritime, aviation.

Training and procuring equipment for natural disaster-specific deployments.

Engagement and partnerships with local and federal governments.
Bahamas: Continue to defer inbound travel to Bahamas due to passage of Hurricane Dorian; travellers on Abaco Islands, Berry Islands, Bimini, Grand Bahama should stand fast

**INTERNATIONAL SOS**

**LAST UPDATED: 02 SEP 2019 22:06 (GMT)**

Members should continue to defer inbound travel to Bahamas due to passage of Hurricane Dorian. Reports indicate the island of Abaco has suffered significant damage and power outages are widespread. Please refer to the US National Hurricane Center (NHC) for the latest updates on Hurricane Dorian and its impact on the Bahamas.

**OVERVIEW**

- **Level:** Advisory
- **Location:** Bahamas
- **Category:** Cyclone, Transport disruption, Flood

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India: West Bengal state: Continue to defer non-essential travel to areas severely affected by cyclone’s passage

**INTERNATIONAL SOS**

**LAST UPDATED: 27 MAY 2020 18:08 (GMT)**

Members should defer all non-essential travel to areas of West Bengal state worst-hit by the passage of Cyclone Amphan until at least 29 May. There are East Medinipur, North 24 Parganas and South 24 Parganas districts, where disruption from significant infrastructural damage is likely to persist amid ongoing relief and restoration works. No major residual disruption was reported in Odisha (Orissa) state. Domestic flights to and from Kolkata (West Bengal) will resume on 28 May. Travel can resume with caution in Hooghly, Howrah and Kolkata districts (all West Bengal), as well as in Odisha, after reconfirming the status of roads.

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- **Location:** West Bengal - India
- **Category:** Cyclone, Infrastructure outage, Road disruption, Travel restriction
ENTERPRISE HEALTH SECURITY CENTER

Hurricane / Typhoon / Cyclone Playbooks
• Covering 7 storm scenarios
• Updated for COVID-19

Flood Playbook

Sample Hurricane Resources:
• Avoiding Illness
• Avoiding Injury
• Decision Making Priorities
• Disaster Preparedness Supplies & Equipment Checklist
• Emergency Grab Bag Poster
• Employee Evacuation Update
• Evac Port of Departure Briefing
• Evacuation Emergency Requirements
• Evacuation Factors to Increase Security Measures
• Evacuation Journey Management Guidelines
• Evacuation Managing an Incident
• Evacuation Notification Levels
• Evacuation Plan Quick Reference
• Evacuation Procedures Checklist
• Evacuation Release Form
• Evacuation Stakeholder Contact List
• Evacuation Stand Fast Plan
• Evacuee Assembly Area Briefing
• Evacuee Manifest Form

• Hurricane FAQ
• Food and Water Safety
• Internal Situational Update
• Missing Persons Protocol
• Hurricane Overview
• Hurricane Poster
• Wind speed vs Damage Table
• Tropical Cyclone Comparison Sheet
RESPOND
WHAT TO DO

WORK THE PLAN – REMAIN FLEXIBLE

Plan the flight and fly the plan. However, be ready to adjust as needed.

TIMELY RESPONSE

Time is a commodity. Decisions and internal processes must be accelerated.

EXPECT CRISES WITHIN A CRISIS

A natural disaster crisis is an accumulation of smaller crises.

COMMUNICATE

Communicate with business partners, media and relevant stakeholders, affected employees/dependants.
KEY TAKEAWAYS

HURRICANES REMAIN A PRIMARY HAZARD
COVID + Hurricanes = managing layered risk

IT’S ALL ABOUT PREPARATION

RESILIENCE IS ABOUT FLEXIBILITY

INFORMATION IS CRITICAL, COMMUNICATION IS KEY

INTERNATIONAL SOS IS YOUR PARTNER
THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING

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