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EVENT: 2021 ATLANTIC HURRICANE SEASON

I. GOVERNOR MCMASTER PROCLAIMS MAY 31ST- JUNE 5TH SC HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS WEEK

Governor Henry McMaster has declared this week as SC Hurricane Preparedness Week. SC EMD, county emergency managers and others will be emphasizing a different aspect of hurricane preparedness each day during the week across all of their social media platforms. You can find the information on Hurricane Preparedness Week [here](#). This is timely preparedness information as the Atlantic Hurricane Season starts on June 1, 2021.

II. SC EMD PUBLISHES 2021 HURRICANE GUIDE AND NEW INTERACTIVE ONLINE VERSION, HURRICANE.SC

The SC Emergency Management Division (SCEMD) has released the 2021 Hurricane Guide. The Guide contains a variety of hurricane related topics such as evacuation zones, emergency kits, and hurricane information and communication. A printed version of the guide is available at all Walgreens pharmacies. An electronic version of the 2021 Guide can be found [here](#). Please share with your workforce, those we serve and their families, and other stakeholders.

This year, SC EMD has also produced an online, interactive version of the 2021 Guide. You can find the online version at hurricane.sc.

III. DDSN COMMISSION AGREES TO HOLD PROVIDERS INVOLVED IN HURRICANE EVACUATIONS HARMLESS FOR COSTS OF EVACUATION SHUTDOWNS

At its May 20th meeting, the DDSN Commission made clear that agencies in our network who use facilities to serve as emergency shelters to support agencies evacuating the coast shall receive operational support from DDSN, which could include but not limited to retainer payments. Similarly, agencies having to cease delivery of facility based day services in response to an order to evacuate will receive the same provision(s). DDSN will work with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), SC Emergency Management Division (SCEMD), and SC Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) to pursue federal and state resources to support this action and provide recovery assistance to support our network.

IV. NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE OFFICE IN WILMINGTON NC TO HOLD ITS ANNUAL HURRICANE SEASON FORESCAST PRESENTATION JUNE 9, 2021

The Weather Forecast Office of the National Weather Service in Wilmington, NC will hold its annual hurricane presentation on Wednesday June 9, 2021 from 2-3 pm. The briefing will include lessons learned from the 2020 hurricane season, the 2021 season outlook and more. Register for the webinar [here](#).

V. NWS PROVIDES TOOLS TO HELP THOSE WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES UNDERSTAND WEATHER READINESS

As a part of its “Weather Ready Nation” program, the National Weather service has partnered with N2y.com to produce weather readiness tools for those with intellectual disabilities. The symbol supported materials cover a wide variety of weather related hazardous conditions and can be helpful in preparation for adverse weather events. You can find and print the materials [here](#).

VI. FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION PRIMER ON EVACUATING POPULATIONS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

This guide, published in 2009 by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is a comprehensive primer on the considerations needed for evacuating a special needs population. The guide provides legal considerations as well as considerations from the perspective of an evacuating agency looking at the special needs population, including congregate care settings. You can download a copy of the guide [here](#).