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TO: Municipal and Tribal Chief Executive Officers, Service Chiefs, and
Emergency Management Directors

FROM: Regina Rush-Kittle Deputy Commissioner
DEMHS Regional Coordinators

DATE: June 21, 2021

RE: Hurricane and Severe Weather Preparedness

The hurricane season is revving up early again this year. As always, if you need state assistance, please contact your DEMHS Regional Coordinator.

In preparation for a hurricane season while still responding to a pandemic, we are sharing both general hurricane preparedness guidance as well as specific guidance from the Red Cross and an updated PowerPoint on the latest hurricane season forecast.

Now is the time to review your Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP), your municipal SLOSH maps, and the information you have posted on WebEOC regarding shelters and critical infrastructure. Please add, update, and delete shelters as needed.

We also want to provide you with some information on both Hurrevac and WebEOC.

Hurrevac:

New features to the Hurrevac Program added in 2020 include better mapping, evacuation reporting and tracking information. **Note: The desktop version of the Hurrevac program is no longer supported.** Therefore any user with the desktop version will need to upgrade to the on-line version. The Hurrevac program is available on-line at the Hurrevac Support Site at <http://www.hurrevac.com/> New or existing users should visit the Hurrevac Support Site and register for the new on-line version of the Hurrevac program. Existing users can click on the Application Login button in the upper right hand corner of the screen. You may be prompted to establish a login and password for your existing account. New users can go to the registration page at <https://hvx-registration.hurrevac.com/?go=account:register> and will be prompted to fill out a short registration form. Registrations are typically approved in less than 24 hours for emergency managers.

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Here is the link to the National Hurricane Center, which tracks potential tropical disturbances:

<https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>

WebEOC:

Based on User feedback, a number of improvements have been made in WebEOC to add functionality, including many new fields, boards, additional views and mapping of board data points – see “Connecticut with Layers” map.

Each municipality/tribal nation should review and update their WebEOC records and answer any new fields, minimally in the following boards:

- Shelters/Centers – Municipal/Tribal
- Infrastructure Status
- Community Impact Tracking
- Events/Mass Gatherings
- Social Media and Websites

SAVE each record, EVEN IF no changes were made – this ensures that a current date/time stamp is applied and will avoid the need for a follow up phone call.

Also, Reportable Issues fields are for critical, temporary notes – not routine information captured in other fields.

To help you navigate the boards and explain some of the changes, the following resources are available:

- PLEASE JOIN US - WebEOC Open Office Hours - we will work to review your records, answer questions and demo and train on new functionality – See WebEOC home tab for details
- WebEOC *flash* articles AND Training videos are loaded in the new WebEOC User Training Resources board
- WebEOC History board – review at every login for news and insight on changes.

Cc: Commissioner James C. Rovella