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TO: Healthcare Administrators

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DATE: August 3, 2020

SUBJECT: **Weather Alert – High Winds and Heavy Rain**

In anticipation of potentially significant weather conditions, which may include high winds and heavy rain, please review your emergency plans, giving special attention to checking your generators (including fuel supply), ensuring that you have adequate emergency food and other supplies, and reviewing your staffing plans. In addition, please monitor local weather reports throughout the weather event.

The Department is recommending visual inspections of the following:

- Sprinkler systems and generators, including fuel supplies
- Emergency exits, ensuring that exits have been properly maintained and are clear of obstructions before and after the weather event

Convalescent Nursing Homes & Rest Homes with Nursing Supervision are required to submit reportable events through the DPH FLIS Events website (<https://dphflisevents.ct.gov>). A duty officer (860-509-8000) is also available.

Please be aware that Connecticut State Agencies Regulations, Section 19-13-B102 (w) sets forth emergency power requirements for all Community Water Systems (CWS). The regulation requires that each CWS have a stand-by stationary generator on site to ensure continuity of water operations should the facility lose electricity. If the facility operates with one generator, that generator must have the capacity to maintain continuity of operations. Thank you for your attention.



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