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TO: Healthcare Administrators

FROM: Commissioner Deidre S. Gifford, MD, MPH

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DATE: August 20, 2021

SUBJECT: **Weather Alert**

In anticipation for potential significant weather conditions, please review your emergency plans; and as appropriate, check your generators and its fuel supply, ensure the completeness of emergency food and other supplies, review your emergency plans, including your staffing plans and as always, check with your local weather channel via television and radio.

The Department is recommending visual inspections of the following:

- Sprinkler systems, Generators, ensuring that enough fuel is on site;
- Emergency egress is maintained and clear of obstructions before and after the weather event; and
- Convalescent Nursing Homes & Rest Homes with Nursing Supervision are required to submit reportable events only through DPH FLIS Events website (<https://dphflisevents.ct.gov>). A duty officer (860-509-8000) is also available.

The Long Term Care Mutual Aid Plan (LTC-MAP) will be activated on 8/22/21. Please report your status every 12 hours at 8:00AM and 6:00PM for situational awareness. Thank you for your attention.



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