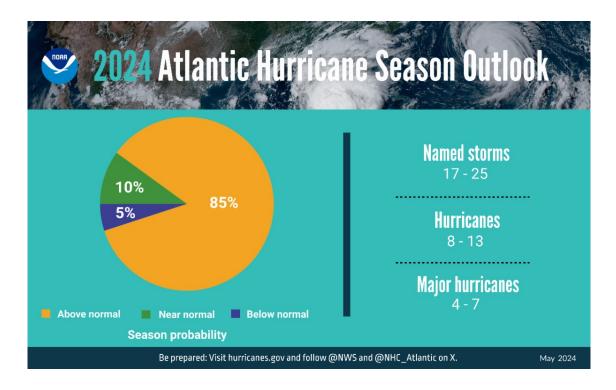


Current Events in Emergency Management and Healthcare



NOAA predicts above-normal 2024 Atlantic hurricane season

NOAA National Weather Service forecasters at the Climate Prediction Center predict above-normal hurricane activity in the Atlantic basin this year. NOAA's outlook for the 2024 Atlantic hurricane season, which spans from June 1 to November 30, predicts an 85% chance of an above-normal season, a 10% chance of a near-normal season and a 5% chance of a below-normal season.

NOAA is forecasting a range of 17 to 25 total named storms (winds of 39 mph or higher). Of those, 8 to 13 are forecast to become hurricanes (winds of 74 mph or higher), including 4 to 7 major hurricanes (category 3, 4 or 5; with winds of 111 mph or higher). Forecasters have a 70% confidence in these ranges.

Meeting the Needs of LGBTQI+ Individuals During Disasters and Emergencies

There are a range of issues that may lead to increased vulnerability for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and intersex (LGBTQI+) people in the time leading up to and including emergency events. For example, LGBTQI+ youth experience high rates of homelessness, making it more difficult to reach them during an emergency. LGBTQI+ seniors are more likely to be isolated and are less likely to have children or other family compared to other seniors; therefore, they may need additional assistance in receiving emergency messages and accessing resources. LGBTQI+ couples and families may not be recognized by some first responders.



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Get #SummerReady

Climate models predict that extreme heat will become more frequent and intense as climate change continues. #SummerReady aims to reach vulnerable populations and boost awareness of the impacts of extreme heat and the simple steps to prepare.

Extreme heat can be especially dangerous to special groups of people across communities, including:

- Lower income households
- Rural communities
- Residents in urban heat islands
- Infants and children
- Older adults
- Laborers
- Individuals with medical conditions
- Athletes



Ready Campaign's first ever #SummerReady public education effort is designed to reach all communities with simple, accessible and culturally competent messaging on extreme heat all summer long.

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Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy

Global Mpox Activity Continues at Low Level Except in DR Congo Hot Spot

The WHO received reports of 528 new cases in April, down 21.1% from March. Regions reporting the most cases were the Americas, followed by Africa and Europe. Most of Africa's cases were reported in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), which is experiencing an ongoing outbreak due to a novel clade 1 virus.

Overall risk is moderate in countries and neighboring countries where mpox has historically circulated and is also moderate for people in the highest-risk groups, including men who have sex with men and sex workers, the WHO said. However, the risk is high for the general population in the DRC.

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Additional Readings and Resources

Weekly Influenza Surveillance Report (NJDOH)

Weekly COVID Report (NJDOH)

National Preparedness Report (FEMA)

Summer Weather Safety Presentation (NWS)

Webinars



Thursday, June 20th, 2024 11:00am - 12:00pm

Hurricane Tools for Emergency Managers 2024

Please join the Region 2 National Preparedness and Response Divisions for an informative webinar for government emergency management stakeholders about resources to better inform hurricane preparedness and response activities.

This webinar is intended to educate government emergency management to interpret tropical cyclone forecasts and alerts, and know what to do before, during, and after a storm. This session provides a brief overview of hurricane hazards, forecast products, and emergency management resources for hurricane planning and response.

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Additional Webinars and Training Resources

New Jersey Learning Management Network Upcoming Courses
FEMA Region 2 Preparedness Recorded Webinars
NJHCC Training Opportunities

Additional Resources













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