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CDC Supports Response to Hurricane Isabel

A hurricane warning remains in effect for Cape Fear, North Carolina, to Chincoteague, Virginia, including Pamlico and Albemarle sounds and the Chesapeake Bay. Drenching rain and strong winds are expected along the storm path through North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, New York, Delaware, and Ohio. Possible adverse health effects include traumatic injuries, drownings, electrocutions, and carbon monoxide poisonings. Information about hurricane preparedness and response is available on the CDC website (<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/hurricanes.asp>).

During a hurricane, CDC works with state and local health departments in providing public health support. In response to Hurricane Isabel, CDC is working through the Department of Health and Human Services Secretary's Command Center in Washington, D.C., as well as other federal agencies, including FEMA. Currently, CDC has deployed staff to support regional and federal response activities.

The CDC can provide technical assistance to states on issues including environmental health, chemical spills or accidents, worker safety and health, surveillance of illness and death, rapid needs assessment, injury prevention, and communicable disease control.

The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) has been activated and is available to respond 24 hours a day during this emergency. If you have questions or would like to request CDC assistance in responding to Hurricane Isabel, call the CDC EOC at 770-488-7100.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) protects people's health and safety by preventing and controlling diseases and injuries; enhances health decisions by providing credible information on critical health issues; and promotes healthy living through strong partnerships with local, national and international organizations.

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