



**Central Florida Disaster Medical Coalition
Hurricane Ian Situation Report – 10-4-22**

NOTE: Future situation reports will be sent as new information is available

Mental Health Resources for Individuals and Communities:

https://www.centralfladisaster.org/files/ugd/8d7960_75370256308a4cc6a95a21595fb7b5c5.pdf

How to Apply for FEMA Assistance After Hurricane Ian: <https://www.fema.gov/press-release/20220929/how-apply-fema-assistance-after-hurricane-ian>

National Weather Service Summary of Rainfall and Peak Wind Gusts Across East Central Florida from Hurricane Ian

Summaries of select [rainfall totals](#) and [peak wind gusts](#) from Hurricane Ian have been released for the east central Florida area, with these values broken up by county.

A more complete preliminary Post Tropical Cyclone Report on Ian, which will include additional information including maximum sustained winds, should be released later this week, and will be sent out once this report has been issued.

Healthcare Ready: Hurricane Ian Situation Report #8:

https://www.centralfladisaster.org/files/ugd/8d7960_9190d0ff93a24bb7ade03362bfb12c58.pdf

Conference Call Summaries:

10-4-22 Florida Hospital Association Call

- Appreciation to all for support throughout storm and after devastating impact. Many hospitals provided beds and transport assets to support Southwest Florida. The demand continues, not just for patients but also for workforce. DMATs and state assets deployed. All Lee Health hospitals have water and power back, still have issues related to increased demand and staffing impacts. Most others will be back online this week.

- AHCA: Lee Health, from leadership to line staff, have been amazing. Process for patient movement – ESF8 – includes emergency management, FDOH, including Dr. Ken Scheppke, AHCA, FHA, FHCA and others. That is operating 24/7 and who are meeting needs in patient movement. Have evacuated roughly 4700 patients. Kim Smoak from AHCA fielding teams to do damage assessment. Health Facility Reporting System data, 97% of hospitals reporting, almost 100% of nursing homes and 98% of ALFs reporting. SNF beds available about 5400 available statewide. All prior authorizations waived for time being. Hospitals may be taking in patients from impacted areas and also may have patients ready for discharge that you can't discharge yet, don't forget you have CMS flexibilities to expand. Let AHCA know if outside your main hospital facility. Putting up information on AHCA hurricane page, including emergency orders waiving state licensure requirements for 30 days for out of state clinical personnel, suspension of requirement for physicians to register with FDOH prior to providing telehealth, extended reporting requirement for 30 days for controller substances. To date, approved over 25 facilities approved to re-open; working as quickly as possible to approve these. If you have damage and AHCA doesn't know, please reach out to them. Working on initial license approvals. SNF associations working with members on bed availability for hospital discharges. Will post on website information on housing and financial assistance. American Red Cross and Disaster Assistance.gov are resources. There are two fuel vendors in area they will post on the website. 37 dialysis clinics open in impacted areas, will share that list with FHA to share with hospitals. Reminder, 1135 waivers still in place, notify AHCA.
- FDOH: focus on need for mental health professionals, expediting licensing. Discussing issue re out of state practitioners.
- FHA – issues they have seen: Asked about other individuals to be added to the out of state list – e.g., mental health professionals. Does 4700 include SNF/ALFs? Do we know the number of facilities evacuated? Need to know who is where. AHCA has aggregated numbers. State ESF8 has details. Need to find a secure place to put this. What is the best way for hospitals to escalate to AHCA issues re significant delays. Send to both Secretary Marstiller and Kim Smoak. FHA will try to gather information and submit to AHCA. Issues related to EMTALA, this has been answered through 1135 waiver, follow-up with FHA on issues. What process do you follow for staffing requests – submit to local EOC, they can forward to state EOC. Federal and state resources such as DMATs are helping but there is still a significant need. There are lists of staffing contracts. We are under state of emergency so price gouging will be investigated by Attorney General. For patient transfers, encourage you work between facilities and only reach out to state if can't work it out.
- Will continue to capture issues and send out answers in alerts. Will schedule future calls as needed.

Resources:

- CFDMC: <https://www.centralfladisaaster.org/hurricane-ian>
- Agency for Healthcare Administration: <https://ahca.myflorida.com/>
- Florida Department of Health: <https://www.floridahealth.gov/about/emergency.html>
- American Red Cross Hurricane Ian Partner Brief interactive website. <https://arc-nhq-gis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=f61b45ee4b9c4b6ab9ceadae863a532a>
- Power Outage Reports <http://www.psc.state.fl.us/home/hurricanereport>
- School Closures <https://www.fldoe.org/em-response/storm-info.stml>
- Food Safety Guidance for during and after event
- <https://www.fdacs.gov/Consumer-Resources/Food-Safety-Consumer-Resources-and-Outreach/Hurricane-Preparedness>
- CMS Announces Resources and Flexibilities to Assist with the Public Health Emergency in the State of Florida - https://ahca.myflorida.com/mchq/emergency_activities/docs/NEWS_ALERT-Florida_PHE.pdf
- State ESF8: 850-445-1380