



NOAA predicts another active Atlantic hurricane season



The Atlantic hurricane season extends from June 1 through November 30. On Thursday, NOAA's Climate Prediction Center released the 2021 hurricane seasonal outlook.

- Forecasters predict a 60% chance of an above-normal season, a 30% chance of a near-normal season, and a 10% chance of a below-normal season.
- Experts do not anticipate the historic level of storm activity seen in 2020.

For 2021, a likely range of 13 to 20 named storms (winds of 39 mph or higher), of which 6 to 10 could become hurricanes (winds of 74 mph or higher), including 3 to 5 major hurricanes (category 3, 4 or 5; with winds of 111 mph or higher) is expected. NOAA provides these ranges with a 70% confidence. [Read more.](#)

Community and Individual Preparedness

Hurricane Preparedness



Check out the Blog and Tools You can Use

What can we expect this year? Read the [Ready PA blog](#) to learn more about hurricanes and tropical storms in Pennsylvania.

Download the [article and newsletter](#) and share with your community.

Tools for you to use:

- Download the [Hurricane & Tropical Storm fact sheet](#) and include it in your newsletters and social media.
- Download and use the [graphics, social media posts and talking points](#) for May.
- Keep your community informed: Share this link to have folks [sign up for the ReadyPA Newsletter](#).

Grant Deadlines

The Commonwealth Financing Authority is now accepting applications for grants funded by Act 13 drilling impact fees for watershed restoration, abandoned mine drainage abatement, baseline water quality data, orphaned or abandoned well plugging, sewage facilities, flood mitigation programs and recreation.



GRANT DEADLINE IS MAY 31.

- May 31-- CFA Act 13 Watershed Restoration Grant
- May 31-- CFA Act 13 Abandoned Mine Drainage Treatment Grant
- May 31-- CFA Act 13 Orphan & Abandoned Well Plugging Grant
- May 31-- CFA Act 13 Water Quality Monitoring Grant
- May 31-- CFA Act 13 Sewage Facility Grants
- May 31-- CFA Act 13 Flood Mitigation Grant
- May 31-- CFA Act 13 Greenways, Trails & Recreation Grants

COVID-19 Update

Helpful infographics and summaries

(links will not work using Internet Explorer)

- UPDATED: [COVID-19 by the Numbers](#)
- [Recovery by the Numbers](#)
- [2020 PEMA Milestones and Highlights](#)
- [COVID 19 Non-Congregate Sheltering](#)



PA DOH Vaccine Distribution Update:

According to the CDC, as of Friday morning, May 21, 50.5% of Pennsylvanians age 18 and older are fully vaccinated.

Department of Health COVID 19 Update:

The Pennsylvania Department of Health today confirmed as of 12:00 a.m., May 21:

- There were 1,823 additional positive cases of COVID-19, bringing the statewide total to 1,193,355
- The trend in the 14-day moving average number of hospitalized patients per day is

coming down, after peaking at 2,661 patients which is slightly below what it was at the height of the spring 2020 peak of 2,751 patients on May 3, 2020.

- The full 14-day moving average since the start of the pandemic can be found [here](#).
- 1309 Patients Hospitalized.
- 310 Patients in the Intensive Care Unit.
- There are 4,548,782 individuals who have tested negative to date.

County-specific information and a statewide map are available on the [COVID-19 Data Dashboard](#).

Training



Meet and Greet the Team

PEMA's Training & Exercise division will be

doing an optional Training & Exercise Division

virtual meet & greet beginning next week (one for each area office). Invite was sent to each area office to share with their counties. The virtual meet and greet is a quick way for everyone who is interested to put faces with the names and get acquainted with who is working on what in the division as we've had some turnover in the last year.

We look forward to talking with you!

Area Office IST Dates

Western Area Office

June 29 -30, 2021

Central Area Office

June 21 - 22, 2021

Eastern Area Office
June 17, 2021

Emergency Management News



FEMA Bulletin Updates: May 17

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FEMA Offers Planning Support for Disaster Response and Recovery

The emergency management community has been operating in a pandemic environment for over a year. FEMA released the "[COVID-19 Pandemic Operational Guidance: All Hazards Incidents Response and Recovery](#)."

The document was designed to help emergency managers plan for disaster response and recovery, while adhering to public health guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The guidance serves as a tool for governments, outlining guidance related to new priorities that have arisen in recent months.

FEMA is offering a series of webinars focused on the guidance throughout the month of June. For webinar dates, [click here](#).

Proclamations and Waivers



- Amendment to [Proclamation of Disaster Emergency](#) - Coronavirus (COVID-19), May 20, 2021.
- Renewal of the [Opioid Disaster Declaration](#), May 7, 2021.



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