



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

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Dear Faith and/or Community Leader,

The affects of hurricane Katrina have impacted so many people. We wanted to make sure that you have the most current information in order to protect the health of hurricane survivors and those closest to them. We have developed some health information that may be useful to you and those in your community. A variety web links for Hurricane Katrina health information follow this cover letter which include information on preventing illness and keeping food and water safe. You may download and print these fact sheets, posters, and flyers to provide your community with valuable health information.

In addition, printable posters designed to be used in churches, offices, and throughout the community are available which provide step by step instructions and illustrations on ways to keep people healthy. These materials are available in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Chinese, and Tagalog at:
<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/covercough.htm>.

Traumatic events affect survivors, rescue workers, and the friends and relatives of those who have been involved. They may also have an impact on people who have seen the event first hand or on television. As the individuals affected by Hurricane Katrina begin to rebuild their lives, there are many things you can do to cope with the health affects of traumatic events. Resources focused on providing assistance in the recovery process are available at
<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/mentalhealth/>.

The challenges that we face are unprecedented but CDC is committed to helping Hurricane Katrina survivors and their families live healthy and productive lives. If you have any additional questions or concerns that are not addressed in this information you may call the CDC Hotline at 1-800-CDC-INFO (toll free) for calls originating in the United States. If you have questions for CDC's Interfaith Health Program please call 770-488-2792 or 770-488-8041.

Please feel free to share this information as widely as possible.

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CDC Health Information:

I. Illness:

- Overview of Diseases: <http://www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/hurricanes/infectiousdisease.asp>
- Prevention of Tetanus Information:
<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/hurricanes/katrina/tetanus.asp>
- Flu Information:
<http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/covercough.htm>
- Mental Health Information:
<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/masstrauma/copingpub.asp>
<http://www.mentalhealth.samhsa.gov/publications/allpubs/KEN-01-0093/default.asp>

II. Injury and Prevention:

- Immunization Information for Displaced Katrina Victims:
<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/hurricanes/katrina/immunizationqa.asp>
<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/hurricanes/katrina/vaccrecdisplaced.asp>
- Hand washing Information:
<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/hurricanes/handwashing.asp>
- Sanitation Information:
<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/floods/sanitation.asp>
- Wound care:
<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/woundcare.asp>
- Carbon Monoxide Poisoning:
<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/cofacts.asp>
- Worker Safety in Power Outages:
<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/poweroutage/workersafety.asp>
- Electrical Hazards:
<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/electrical.asp>
- Prevention of Respiratory Problems:
<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/hurricanes/katrina/respiratorypub.asp>
- Protection Against Mold:
<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/mold/protect.asp>

III. Food and Water:

- Information Concerning Safety of Food and Water:
<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/foodwater.asp>

IV. Pets:

- Animal Health: Guidelines for Animal Health and Control of Disease:
<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/hurricanes/katrina/animalhealthguidelines.asp>
- Animal Hazards:
<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/animalhazards.asp>
- How to Protect Your Pet:
<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/petprotect.asp>

V. Printable Handouts:

- Printable Hurricane and Flood Materials:
<http://www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/hurricanes/printindex.asp>

VI. Other Resources:

- How to Get Help: Social and Human Services:
<http://www.hhs.gov/katrina/benefits.html>
<http://www.fema.gov/press/2005/katrinabasic.shtm#needshelter>
- Media Information: Update Concerning Progress in New Orleans
<http://www.fema.gov/press/2005/katrinavictims.shtm>

Contact Information:

800-CDC-INFO
888-232-6348 (TTY)
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