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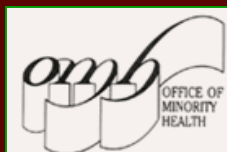
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Dear Colleagues,

This issue of the DiversityPreparedness.org E-Newsletter contains information on heat waves, upcoming events, training and education, recent publications, and features Hurricane Season as the Topic of the Month—providing links to a variety of translated materials, research articles, and planning tools.

Topic of the Month: Hurricane Season

June 1st signaled the official start of Atlantic hurricane season. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA) **predicts with 85% confidence that hurricane activity** will be above normal in the 2011 Atlantic season with 3-6 major hurricanes (i.e., winds over 100 mph). Below is a select list of resources to strengthen hurricane preparedness in diverse communities and inform planning efforts across all phases of an emergency.



Translated Materials:

- **Hurricane Super Course:** This presentation provides information on the natural causes and health-related issues associated with hurricanes and basic emergency preparedness. The presentation is available in **English, Chinese, and Spanish.**
- **Emergency Wound Care After A Natural Disaster:** This handout provides tips on how to treat small wounds to prevent infection and defines injuries for which immediate medical attention is necessary. The resource is available in **English and Vietnamese.**
- **Reentering Your Flooded Home:** This brochure provides information on reentering your home after a flood and tips on how to begin the drying process. The resource is available in **English and Vietnamese.**

- **Prevent Poisoning from Carbon Monoxide-Printable Flyers:** This simplistic flyer uses pictures to convey information about the risks of carbon monoxide poisoning. The flyers are available in **English, Amharic, Arabic, Bosnian, Burmese, Cambodian, Chinese, Farsi, French, Hmong, Korean, Laotian, Nepali, Oromo, Portuguese, Punjabi, Romanian, Russian, Somali, Spanish, Swahili, Tagalog, Tigrigna, Ukrainian, Vietnamese.**
- **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Hurricane Resources:** The CDC has centralized hurricane preparedness materials in **English, Spanish, French, Vietnamese, Haitian Creole, German, and Portuguese.**

Recovery Assistance:

- **Immigrants and Disaster Assistance:** This Immigration Law Center webpage provides links to a variety of resources on issues surrounding immigration, current legislation, and disasters.
- **Fact Sheet- Immigrant Eligibility for Disaster Assistance:** This fact sheet provides a concise overview of the services immigrants, with and without documentation, are eligible for in the wake of a disaster.

Research:

- **Katrina-Related Health Concerns of Latino Survivors and Evacuees:** This research article examines health concerns identified by Latinos who resided in the path of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans and Mississippi.
- **African Americans' Decisions Not to Evacuate New Orleans before Hurricane Katrina- A Qualitative Study:** This article presents the findings from focus groups that were conducted to identify themes in African Americans' decisions not to evacuate New Orleans before Hurricane Katrina.



- **Rapid Needs Assessment Among Hurricane Katrina Evacuees In Metro-Denver:** This article explores the benefits of conducting rapid needs assessments among displaced populations to identify unique regional and cultural needs of specific sub-populations.
- **A Mobile Medical Care Approach Targeting Underserved Populations in Post-Hurricane Katrina Mississippi:** This article discusses the importance of staffing clinicians who are familiar with social and cultural needs of diverse populations in post-disaster mobile medical care.
- **Displacement of the Underserved- Medical Needs of Hurricane Katrina Evacuees in West Virginia:** This article provides a quantitative analysis of the health care needs of Hurricane Katrina evacuees.
- **Latino Disaster Vulnerability- The Dissemination of Hurricane Mitigation Information among Florida's Homeowners:** This study explores preferred channels for communicating disaster information to Latino communities.
- **Crisis Preparation, Media Use, and Information Seeking- Patterns across Katrina Evacuees:** This qualitative study examines crisis preparation, information seeking patterns, and media use in 964 Hurricane Katrina evacuees.
- **Voices of The Storm- Health Experiences of Low-Income Katrina Survivors:** This qualitative study explores the experiences of over forty survivors of Hurricane Katrina and their health care needs.

Below are links to information on upcoming events and recently published articles.

Events & Training:



Webinar: Incorporating Ethics into Emergency Planning and Response to Ensure Health Equity **August 23, 2011: 2:00 PM EDT**

This webinar will focus on the incorporation of ethics into emergency planning and response to promote health equity. A local jurisdiction's approach to the development of an ethics framework will be highlighted, and an example of equitable distribution of vaccine with hospitals and culturally-specific communities will be described. To register, [CLICK HERE](#).

Recent Publications:

Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Hospitalizations and Deaths Associated with 2009 Pandemic Influenza A (H1N1) Virus Infections in the United States

This article, recently appearing in the *Annals of Epidemiology*, combines data from various surveillance systems to explore racial/ethnic disparities in H1N1 during the 2009 pandemic. To access the full article and summary [CLICK HERE](#).

Risk Factors for 2009 Pandemic Influenza A (H1N1)-Related Hospitalization and Death Among Racial/Ethnic Groups in New Mexico

This article, recently appearing in the *American Journal of Public Health*, explores racial/ethnic disparities in H1N1-related hospitalizations and death in New Mexico. To access the full article and summary [CLICK HERE](#).

Influenza Pandemic: Lessons from the H1N1 Pandemic Should Be Incorporated into Future Planning

This recent report from the United States Government Accountability Office discusses lessons learned from the H1N1 pandemic, including the need to better reach non-English speakers. The report highlights promising practices to meet the needs of LEP communities from local jurisdictions across the country in addition to recommendations for future planning at the federal-level. To access the report [CLICK HERE](#).

Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Uptake and Location of Vaccination for 2009-H1N1 and Seasonal Influenza

This article, recently appearing in the *American Journal of Public Health*, uses nationally representative survey data to explore racial/ethnic disparities in H1N1 vaccine uptake and found disparities in H1N1 vaccine uptake between Blacks and Whites (13.8% vs 20.4%), while Whites and Hispanics had similar vaccination rates. To access the full summary and article [CLICK HERE](#).



Introduction of a Guide to Enhance Risk Communication Among Low-Income and Minority Populations: A Grassroots Community Engagement Approach

This article, recently appearing in *Health Promotion Practice*, outlines a grassroots approach to enhancing the capacity of the risk communication systems to reach vulnerable populations. The approach provides guidance on strategies to tailor existing risk communication systems and build partnerships with local community stakeholder. To access the full article and summary [CLICK HERE](#).

How Colorado Develops Preparedness with Diverse Populations

This article, appearing in *Emergency Management News*, describes strategies developed and employed by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment to engage diverse populations in preparedness, response, and recovery planning. To access the article [CLICK HERE](#).



Critical Issues: Heat Waves

For many cities across the U.S., the summer of 2011 has been one of the hottest on record. As the prospect of extreme heat continues through late August and early September, heat waves remain a threat to mortality and morbidity. Below is a select list of heat-related resources for diverse populations, while a more comprehensive list can be found [HERE](#).

- **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention- Extreme Heat:** This CDC website provides a variety of heat-related resources. [English](#), [Chinese](#), [French](#), [German](#), [Haitian Creole](#), [Portuguese](#), [Spanish](#), and [Vietnamese](#).
- **Ready New York- Beat the Heat Guide:** This brochure provides information on heat-related illnesses such as heat stroke, heat exhaustion, and respiratory problems and provides tips to stay cool and conserve energy. [English](#), [Chinese](#), [Haitian Creole](#), [Korean](#), [Russian](#), [Spanish](#).

- **Disparities by Race in Heat-Related Mortality in Four US cities- The role of air conditioning prevalence:** This article explores the association between air conditioning prevalence, race, and heat-related mortality in Chicago, Detroit, Minneapolis, and Pittsburgh.
- **Heat-Related Deaths among Crop Workers- United States, 1992–2006:** This *MMWR* reviewed heat-related deaths among crop workers and found that 71% the workers were from Mexico, Central, or South America, with 60% of all heat-related deaths among crop workers occurring in July.

We encourage you to share the [National Resource Center](#) with your peers and colleagues and welcome you to link to the website. Please also feel free to e-mail your comments and any feedback to our team. We look forward to working with you to making this site a resourceful and useful tool in advancing the preparedness of our nation's diverse communities.

Sincerely,

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