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MEMORANDUM NO: 075-11HR

TO: Agency Administrators

FROM: Bobbie Chappell

VIA: Rip Colvin, Executive Director

RE: Safety Notes from August 2011

Please find attached the August issues of *Safety Notes* from Risk Management. I am sure you will find them to be informative. Please feel free to distribute to other interested parties. Thank you.

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"If you want to see the sunshine, you have to weather the storm"

-Frank Lane

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QUICK TIP:

Do NOT completely trust a hurricane forecast model. According to the Hurricane Research Division, predictions have been improving of hurricane paths, but there is still a large margin of error in 72, 48, and 24 hour forecasts.

[ERRORS DATA](#)



Having a plan and knowing evacuation routes near your area will prepare you even if forecast models are incorrect.

Hurricane Evacuation Preparedness

Because of the size, shape, and the amount of coastline Florida has, hurricanes making landfall are frequent. According to the International Hurricane Research Center, of the top ten areas most vulnerable to hurricanes, Florida contains four of these areas.

Preventing losses from a hurricane is nearly impossible, but being prepared can save lives. Family evacuation plans should be created and known by all family members.

Evacuation is the safest and only way to completely ensure safety when a hurricane is making landfall near your area of residence or workplace. Knowing local evacuation routes can make evacuations easy, less stressful, and less chaotic. Here is a link that will help you determine what evacuation routes may be available to you according to the county you reside or work in.

[EVACUATION MAP](#)

Getting Started

An early start on hurricane preparation can make the largest difference. How ready are you if a hurricane threatens?

[KEY FACTS ABOUT HURRICANE READINESS](#)



CATEGORY	WINDS	DAMAGE
1	74-95 MPH	Minimal
2	96-110 MPH	Moderate
3	111-130 MPH	Major
4	131-155 MPH	Extensive
5	> 155 MPH	Catastrophic

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“As a child, I was more afraid of tetanus shots than Dracula.”

Dave Berry

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QUICK TIPS:

1. Children under age 6 get a series of shots to protect against measles, polio, chickenpox and hepatitis.



2. All 11 and 12 year-olds need shots to help protect against tetanus, diphtheria, whooping cough, and meningitis.

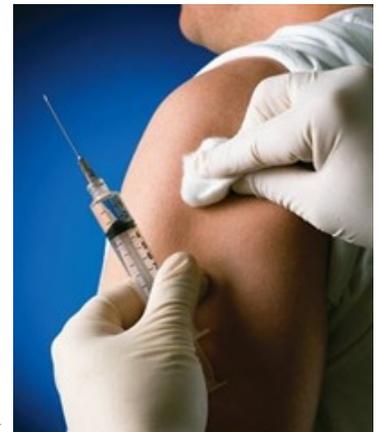
3. All adults need a tetanus shot every 10 years.

4. Talk to your doctor or nurse about which shots you and your family need.

5. The CDC recommends everyone over 6 months old needs a seasonal flu shot.

Immunization Awareness

The month of August marks a very busy time for many state employees and their families. During August, state employees are enrolling their children in school, older students are entering college and adults and the health community are preparing for the upcoming flu season. This busy time makes August, which is also National Immunization Awareness month (NIAM), a particularly good time of year to educate employees on the value of immunization and staying current on immunization shots and records. By staying up to date on recommended vaccinations, employees can protect themselves, their families, and loved ones from sickness and disease.



The Florida Department of Health encourages employees to be aware of the importance of immunizations. Immunization is one of the most effective ways to protect children and adults against many common infectious diseases. Keeping individuals healthier through immunization results in lower associated social and financial costs for families, including time lost from school and work, as well as the expense of medical bills.

Getting Started

OSHA requires private sector employers to offer Hepatitis B vaccinations to all employees who have reasonable potential to being exposed to bodily fluids such as blood or saliva. Learn more about vaccination schedules, and encourage employees and their families to stay healthy.



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