



HEALTH ALERT

SIGNIFICANT RAIN AND HIGH WIND EVENT

September 25th – 27th, 2026

Guidance for Hospitals, Diagnostic and Treatment Centers, Nursing Homes, Adult Care Facilities, Homecare, Hospice, Dialysis Centers and Local Health Departments

A nor'easter is expected to impact New York City and Long Island with significant amounts of rainfall and the possibility for flooding, damaging winds and dangerous rip currents beginning Friday, September 25, 2026.

Coastal Flood Warnings and High Wind Advisories have been posted for the region through Sunday, September 27, 2026. The latest information on active weather watches, warnings, and advisories can be found on the [National Weather Service Page](#).

In anticipation of this event, health and residential care facilities, homecare and hospice agencies are strongly encouraged to review your facility/agency-specific emergency response plans and ensure backup systems are ready and functioning properly through load testing and inspection. Supplies and personnel needed to shelter-in-place, if needed, should be arranged.

Providers should report any disruption of services or infrastructure to the Department's State Medical Operations Coordination Center by calling (917) 909-2676 and completing required Facility-Reported Incident reports where applicable.

KEY POINTS

- Significant amounts of rain are expected to fall throughout the region beginning on Friday, September 25th. Some areas are forecasted to receive rainfall rates exceeding ½" inch per hour.
- Sustained wind gusts of 25-35 mph with maximum gusts up to 55 mph may cause trees and branches to fall and cause power outages.
- Excessive rainfall can lead to flooding on roads and low-lying urban areas, especially along creeks and streams during high tide. Some areas may experience up to 3' inundation above normal flood levels.
- Providers should ensure their 24/7 Emergency Contact on the Health Commerce System is current no later than 2pm today (9/25/26) and inclusive of a cell phone number in the event of a landline failure.
- Providers should review their emergency operations plans and conduct a briefing with on-duty staff at the beginning of each shift throughout the event to review emergency response roles, responsibilities, and operational updates in case emergency plans need to be activated.
- All Article 28, 7, 36 and 40 healthcare facilities and agencies are reminded to report any disruption of services or infrastructure to the New York State Department of Health State Medical Operations Coordination Center at (917) 909-2676.