



Weather Advisory Hurricane IAN

Dear COVID-19 Vaccine Providers:

We are sending this notification regarding the impending storm, [Hurricane IAN](#).

Please click here [National Weather Service](#) and enter your zip code to stay abreast of the forecast in your area of the state.

As you know severe weather can cause intermittent power outages which affect the vaccine storage unit's ability to maintain in-range temperature for publicly funded vaccine.

Providers should follow Section Seven of the Vaccine Storage and Handling Guide regarding emergency vaccine storage and handling procedures. Please ensure that designated staff who are responsible for administering publicly funded vaccines or who may transport publicly funded vaccine in an emergency understand the plan.

Here are some quick tips to help you prepare, if needed:

- **Know the person responsible** for preparing and transporting vaccine in event of emergency
 - Ensure your backup digital data logger is ready for transporting vaccines.
- **Contact the alternate storage facility in advance** to ensure they are prepared to receive the vaccines
 - Ensure that the alternate storage facility's back-up generator is operational
- **Ensure that your site has all packing materials available** for emergency transport (refer link for flyer- CR-0011683- "[Packing Vaccines For Transport during Emergencies](#)")
 - Check for these items in advance and prepare them in anticipation of the storm

IMPORTANT NOTES:

1. The COVID-19 Vaccine Program **does not require** providers to ask permission to transport vaccine in cases of emergency.
2. The COVID-19 Vaccine Program **does not require** providers to conduct a TRANSFER in SIMON for vaccines transported during an emergency (vaccines will be at alternate facility for short period of time).
3. The COVID-19 Vaccine Program does **REQUIRE** that all storage and handling excursion be reported via [SIMON Helpdesk Request](#).

Please send questions to COVIDVaccines@dhec.sc.gov.

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