

**Event Name:** [EXERCISE] EXERCISE | 2021 Virginia Hurricane Preparedness Communication Exercise

**Event Type:** EXERCISE

**Public Health Category:** Severe Weather

**Distribution Category:** Distribute on a need to know basis

**Situation:** A Hurricane Watch has been issued by the National Weather Service (NWS) for the impending Hurricane Rylee. . This morning at 9:00 A.M. the NWS issued a Hurricane Watch for the East Coast to include South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, the District of Columbia, and Maryland. Hurricane Rylee is expected to make landfall as a Category 2 with wind speeds of 96 to 110 miles per hour and rainfall could total 20 inches. | EXERCISE

**Facility Impacted:** Other: Statewide Impact

**Region(s):** Central  
Eastern  
Far Southwest  
Near Southwest  
Northern  
Northwest  
Statewide

**Immediate Impact and/or** 1) Update your VHASS Status Board (if applicable). 2) Determine which NWS office is responsible for your geographical location ([https://www.weather.gov/rnk/VA\\_fire](https://www.weather.gov/rnk/VA_fire)). On the

**Required Action:** "Event Log", post the name of the NWS office (Wakefield, VA; Sterling, VA; Blacksburg, VA; Charleston, WV; Morristown, TN).

**Background:** EXERCISE | On May 22nd, now Hurricane Rylee, formed near the Cape Verde Islands from a tropical wave. As of today - June 3, 2021 - the NWS and other meteorological organizations project U.S. mainland landfall to occur in the morning of June 5th. This morning at 9:00 A.M. the NWS issued a Hurricane Watch for the East Coast to include South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, the District of Columbia, and Maryland. | EXERCISE

**Discussion:** EXERCISE | Make hurricane preparations now – including but not limited to – review of emergency plans, communication lists, staffing levels, utility, and supply levels. Monitor & update VHASS.org. Monitor <https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>, NOAA Weather Radio, and local news outlets. | EXERCISE

**Recommended Action:** 3) Review and update your VHASS Member and Organization Account. Contact your Organization's Account Administrator or Regional Healthcare Coalition with questions/concerns. Go to <https://vhass.org/vhass-resources/> for copies of VHASS website instructions

**Action Taken:** EXERCISE | VDH, VHHA, and the Regional Healthcare Coalitions will coordinate with Virginia healthcare organizations and regional partners through established communication methods. VDH will coordinate with VDEM. | EXERCISE

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## Event Update History

Date/Time	Status	Name	Region	Organization	EN Access	Contact No.
06/03/2021 09:02 AM	Event Activated	Marry, Matthew T	Statewide	Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association	Events Statewide Administrator	(540) 798-1771