

Hurricane Preparation Tips:

1. Make sure that you have at least two weeks' worth of medication and supplies on hand in the event that delivery services cannot get to your home. We learned that extensive flooding can disrupt delivery service for up to two weeks after a major rain event.
2. If you are on oxygen, make sure your concentrator is functioning properly. Take inventory of your oxygen tanks and how much oxygen is in each one. If you do not know how long they will last, call your DME RT to discuss how long each tank is expected to last in relation to your oxygen flow requirement.
3. If your child is ventilated, check the internal battery on the vent to ensure that it is functioning properly and charge any backup ventilators or batteries. Know how long your batteries will last.
4. If your child has a tracheostomy, ensure that you have a backup trach as well as once size smaller packed into the trach emergency bag. Check your suction machine to ensure it is working properly and that you have plenty of suction catheters.
5. Stop by or call your nearest fire station to let them know that there is a medically fragile child in the home who could potentially need medical assistance.
6. Plan your evacuation route ahead of time, know where you will go in the event that you are required to evacuate. Practice loading the car with your belongings, your child, and all of their equipment to ensure that you are able to do so in a timely manner.
7. Program your care team phone number into your phone so that you are not trying to find it in the event of an emergency. Program the after-hours number in as well, if your practice has an on-call service.
8. Please remember that, even if your roads do not flood, the roads leading to your hospital may flood and become unpassable. Seek out the nearest hospital to go to and then have the EC call your primary PH team to discuss transfer.