



# Welcome to Disasterville

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## ATLANTIC HURRICANE SEASON BEGINS JUNE 1

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) forecasters say a near-normal Atlantic hurricane season is most likely this year. However, as with any season, the need to prepare for the possibility of a storm striking near you is essential.

“Today, more than 35 million Americans live in regions most threatened by Atlantic hurricanes,” Commerce Secretary Gary Locke said. “Timely and accurate warnings of severe weather help save lives and property. Public awareness and public preparedness are the best defenses against a hurricane.”

NOAA’s seasonal hurricane outlook does not project where and when any of these storms may hit. Landfall is dictated by weather patterns in place at the time the storm approaches. For each storm, NOAA’s National Hurricane Center forecasts how these weather patterns affect the storm track, intensity and landfall potential.

For more information, visit [www.hurricanes.gov](http://www.hurricanes.gov).

### SPOTLIGHT: PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS

The Pandemic Preparedness Team has worked diligently over recent years to produce dozens of resources and collect even more resources to post on their team webpage. We would like to give a special *thank you* to all the members of the Pandemic Team and the KCER Coalition for their invaluable contributions to the H1N1 (Swine Flu) response in coordination with the ESRD Networks, CMS, the CDC, and other organizations. KCER Coalition volunteers really do make a difference in the kidney community! Thanks to everyone for their involvement.

### SPOTLIGHT: KCER & TWITTER

Twitter is a social networking website aimed at helping people and groups stay in contact and provide instant communication via short messaging. The KCER Coalition uses Twitter to post short messages about upcoming meetings or new tools and resources or blog posts. Follow us at [www.twitter.com/kcercoalition](http://www.twitter.com/kcercoalition)



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