

New Jersey Newborn Screening & Hurricane Sandy

Impact, Response, and Aftermath

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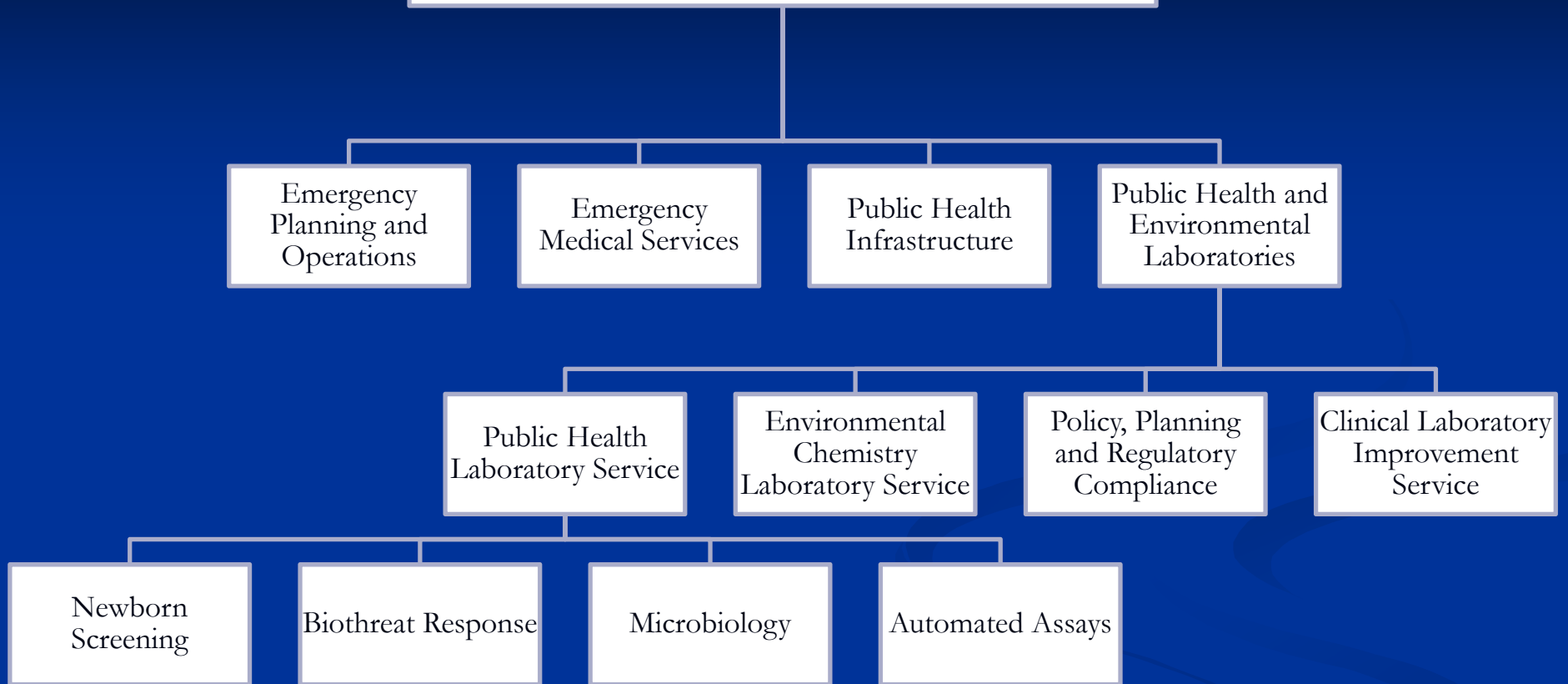
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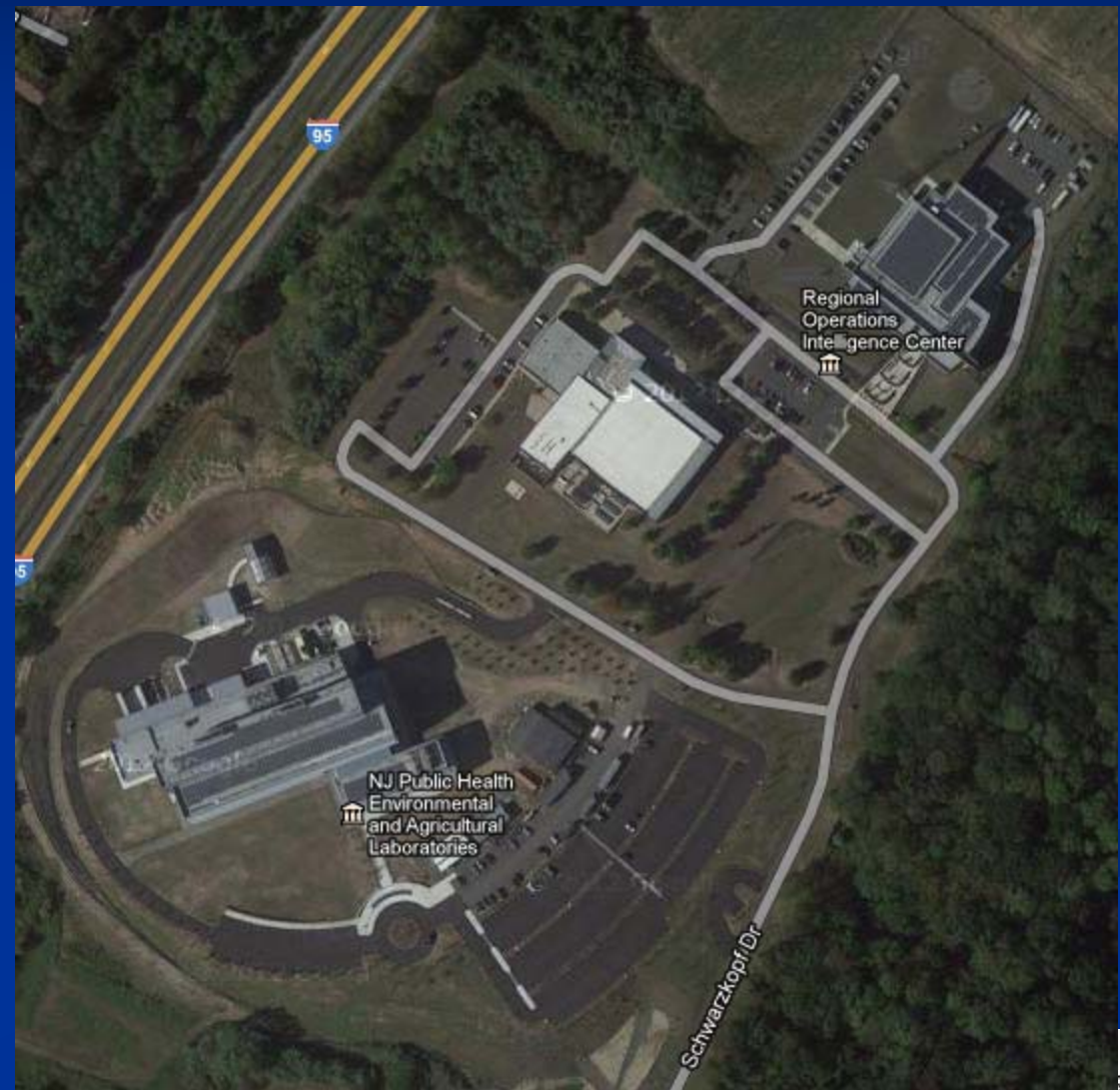


Public Health Infrastructure, Laboratories & Emergency Preparedness



Preparedness, Luck, and Serendipity

“Essential” Employees

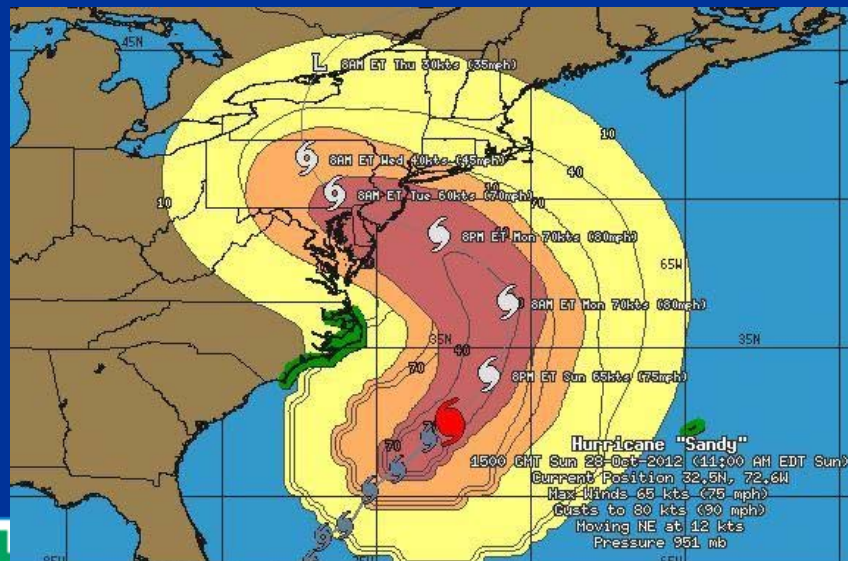


October 25 - 29

HURRICANE SANDY



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October 29

- UPS delivered ONLY to NBS Laboratory
- Wrapped up Saturday specimens
- 19 staff
- Began to plan alternate specimen delivery options



October 30





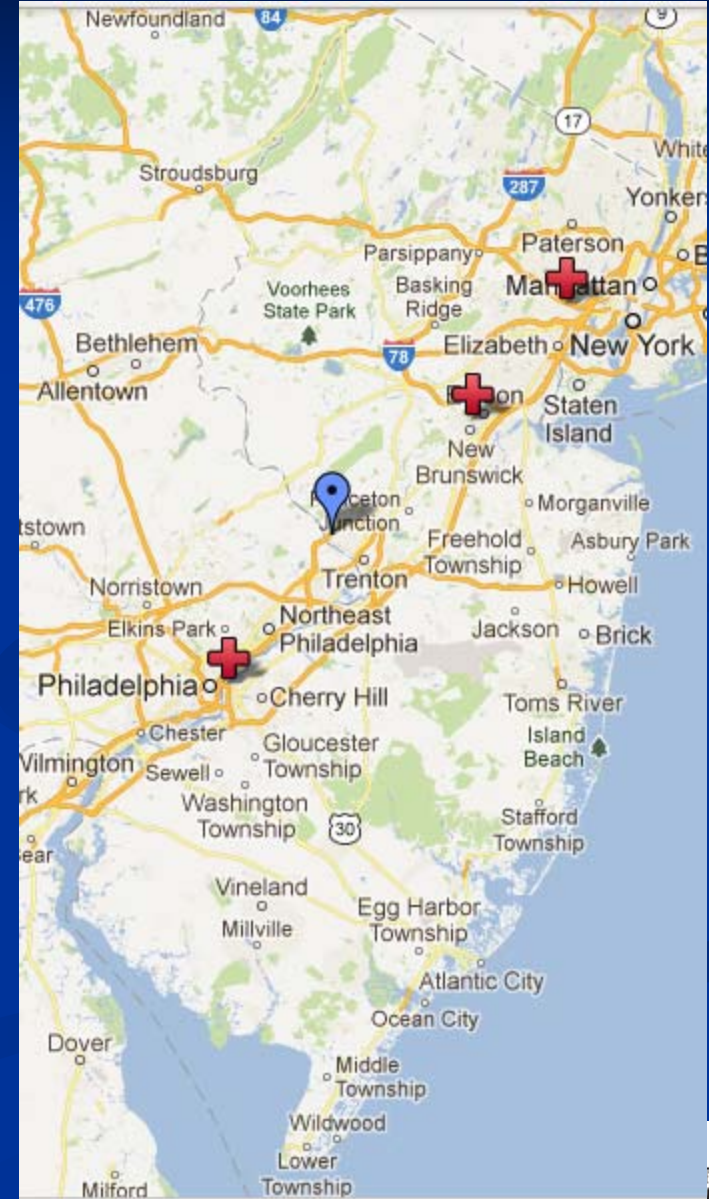
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October 30



- Governor approved use of NJSP for NBS
- Transport specimens to regional MCCs by 2p
- Message communicated through NJHA
- NJSP transport specimens to laboratory at 4p
- 7 NBS Staff



Rest of the Week

October 31

- 32 NBS Lab staff
- 2 Follow-up Staff
- 2 Medical Directors
- Lab took over communication
- USPS

November 1

- Resumed UPS except for 14 hospitals
- Used courier rather than NJSP

November 2

- Only 2 hospitals remained affected
- “Normalcy” returned to lab

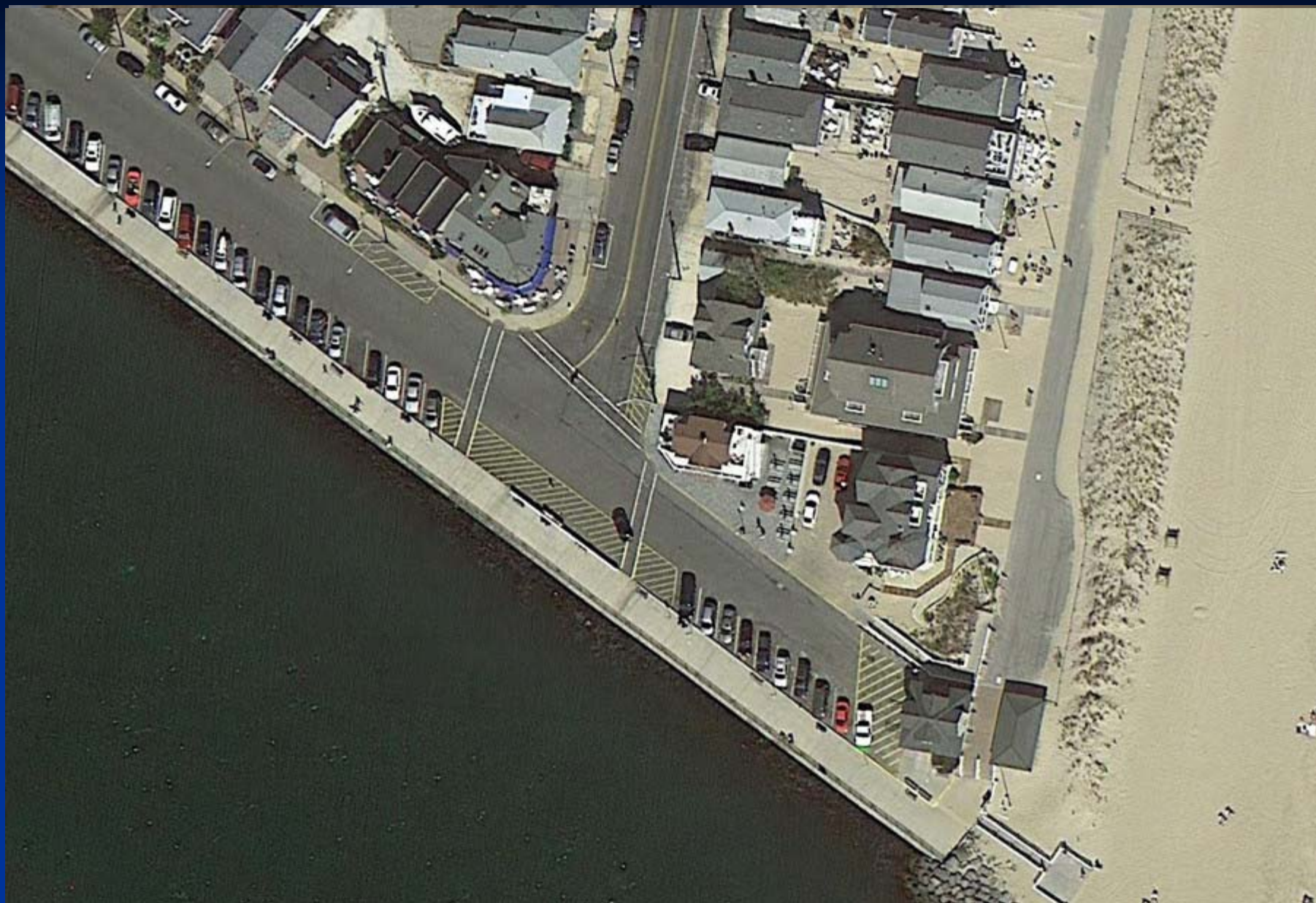




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Epilogue: After Action Report

Hurricane Sandy

...by the Numbers

2	The number of hospitals evacuated
5	Number of state shelters opened
11	The number of long-term care facilities evacuated
39	The number of acute care hospitals that lost power
60	Number of DOH staff who worked in Health Command Center and the Regional Operations and Intelligence Center
73	The number of conference calls hosted by DOH with partners
74	The number of assisted living facilities that lost power
100	Number of EMS Task Force units activated
127	Number of shelters at height of the storm
135	Number of out-of-state ambulance units, sent from 5 states, that assisted during the storm
137	The number of health care facilities that lost power
885	The number of email addresses that received Hippocrates updates
1,746	The number of health care facility residents evacuated
7,005	Number of people in shelters at the height of the storm
84,113	The number of Hippocrates email notifications sent
2.7 million	Number of households that lost power at the height of the storm

- Communication
 - One phone number
 - NJHA, Program, Agency, Vendors
 - Hospital contact list
 - Cell phone/email
- Saturday before
- 7 staff on Tuesday
- MCC/NJSP
- Follow-up
 - Power
 - Supplies
 - Remote access
 - Workload
- Capital Post Office
- Family needs
- Essential employee needs

Thank you

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