Hurricanes and COVID19 - A Perfect Storm

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1. Social Distancing
2. Staffing
3. Supplies
Social Distancing

- hospital staff (sleeping quarters during/after storm, ? hotels)
- people may not evacuate (need to educate public of risks)
- shelters (to assure social distancing need more of them)
- special needs shelters for medical fragile pts (more needed)
Staffing

- individuals may not be willing to volunteer (surveys?)
- individuals maybe ill with COVID and unable to volunteer
- individuals may not be released from their FT day jobs due to COVID and thus unable to volunteer
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Supplies

- Supply Chain impact 2nd flooding and road closures
Covid+ vs PUI vs Covid- patients

- Need to divide field hospitals & shelters into different zones
- Need specific protocols and processes
- COVID testing???
- Increased Resp Disease with Hurricanes

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