



Florida Kidney Disaster Coalition ALL-HAZARDS EDUCATIONAL SERIES: NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

September is National Preparedness Month!

The Florida Kidney Disaster Coalition has joined the National Preparedness Month Coalition. This annual event, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), encourages Americans to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and schools.

Some of the things you can do to prepare for the unexpected, such as making an emergency supply kit and developing a family communications plan, are the same for both a natural or man-made emergency. **The same kit and plan you made for hurricane season can also be used to prepare for other emergencies, such as a terrorist attack or a pandemic.** Most important in any emergency/disaster plan is your family communication plan, your pet plan, and your evacuation plan. Your emergency plan can prepare you for any type of disaster.

After you get a kit and make your plan, the next important steps are to be informed and get involved. Learn more about different threats that could affect your community and appropriate responses to them. After preparing yourself and your family for possible emergencies, take the next step: get training in first aid and emergency response and get involved in preparing your community. Citizen Corps provides residents with opportunities to prepare, train and support local emergency responders.

This year, the National Preparedness Month will focus on different areas of emergency preparedness.

- September 1-8; Back-to-School (*Ready Kids*)
- September 9-15; Business preparedness (*Ready Business*)
- September 16-22; Multicultural preparedness (*Listo*)
- September 23-30; Home and family preparedness, including pets, older Americans and individuals with disabilities and special needs (*Ready America*)

The FKDC wants to thank the 100+ facilities that decided to pioneer preparedness for themselves, their staff, and their patients by participating in the All Hazards Educational Series and completing the pre-quiz. The highest scoring facilities were asked to contribute their own preparedness stories to the FKDC blog, <http://fkdc.blogspot.com/> Be sure to visit the FKDC blog throughout the month of September for stories and insight to managing disasters in the ESRD setting.

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