

# ALL-HAZARDS PLANNING ANNEX DEVELOPMENT

## SEVERE WEATHER

### BACKGROUND

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*Severe weather* encompasses any weather-related event—tornado, severe thunderstorm, hurricane, flood, winter storm/blizzard/ice storm, temperature extremes—that poses a risk to life and property or disrupts/impacts hospital operations.

### OVERVIEW

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The Severe Weather Support Annex is a planning document that augments the hospital's existing Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) and incorporates the fundamental principles of all-hazards emergency management. Safety of patients, staff, and visitors and property protection are topics covered across a variety of weather hazards with specific considerations included for mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery.

### PROCESS

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The hospital forms a cross-functional, multi-disciplinary planning team that can be actively engaged with the DQE Project Manager for the duration of the project. The annex development process leverages a highly-collaborative planning model that is facilitated by DQE through a series of web-based conference calls and utilizes a proprietary planning template that focuses on:

- Preventing or minimizing the loss of life and injuries
- Ensuring patient and personnel safety
- Maintaining optimal patient care and life support functions during severe weather emergencies
- Integrating the hospital's preparedness, response, and recovery efforts with those of its community and supporting entities

### KEY DELIVERABLE

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**Hospital Severe Weather Annex** that addresses:

- Mitigation measures, preparedness activities, response actions, and recovery strategies
- Weather-specific detection and warning resources
- Safety and logistical considerations