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Resilience Report

Brief insights and the latest innovations in emergency management and health security.

As an anxious nation awaits election results, the 2020 vibes continue as the coronavirus pandemic intensifies, a tropical depression slams Central America, a typhoon hits the Philippines, and an earthquake hits Turkey. This week on Resilience Report...community recovery tips and historic "firsts" in the nation.



Upcoming Webinar On Equity Through Mitigation.

On November 10, the Natural Hazards Center is hosting a webinar on inequity in mitigation. It will use a racial equity lens to examine disaster impacts, mitigation, and multi-sector partnerships. If you're interested in joining, you can register [here](#).

Rapid Testing Could Soon Become Available.

Rapid COVID-19 tests could soon become available to low- and middle-income countries around the world. The [initiative](#) to provide fast, high-quality tests to allow better screening of health workers was led by the WHO, Gates Foundation, French government, and European Commission.

Case Count Exceeds 100,000.

On Wednesday, for the first time ever, the daily number of new cases of coronavirus in the U.S. [topped 100,000](#). It is a reminder of the continued danger the virus poses and the need for national vigilance as the nation enters the holiday season.

2020 Hurricane Season Rages On.

Tropical Depression Eta continues its advance across Central America and will likely turn to Florida next. The slow-moving storm has inundated parts of Honduras and Nicaragua with catastrophic amounts of rainfall. It could re-intensify before hitting Florida.



SPECIAL HIGHLIGHT: PANDEMIC + POST-ELECTION EFFECTS

Every week, we'll dedicate space for a hot topic that we think is especially important for emergency managers to read. A close and, in some places, contentious election can be a disruptive event for many communities. But, like other events emergency managers prepare for, there are opportunities for recovery and community healing post-elections.

Emergencies, as well as large scale events like elections, may sometimes have impacts on society like social disruption, community divides, and political discord. Emergency Managers can plan for social reconstruction as well as physical rebuilding. Here are some ways that communities around the country are working towards recovering post-election.

- In New Jersey, the [interfaith community](#) recognized the importance of preaching peace and civility to their congregants as many people turn to faith during uncertain or uncomfortable times.
- Nationally, [NPR's All Things Considered](#) has compiled a series of conversations with experts, survivors, and leaders to share lessons on peace and reconciliation including building understanding, creating resources for conflict resolution, and much more.
- Each community may need something different to heal the divide between people. Readers of [New England Newspapers Inc.](#) emphasized the post-election path to reconciliation included civil discourse and finding common ground among others.

Whole Community Recovery Planning

A broad perspective on recovery planning can include addressing potential political hurdles, negative community perceptions, and emotional concerns of citizens. The following are suggestions for supporting resilience after any tumultuous event:

- **Suggestion #1:** Engage community leaders (faith-based, social, etc.) early and often to determine what people may need to heal from an event and how community and faith groups can aid in this process.
- **Suggestion #2:** Remember that employees and emergency responders are community members too. They may also be experiencing negative social, emotional, or psychological impacts and could use supportive services as well (e.g., moderated discussion groups, employee assistance programs, supportive leadership).
- **Suggestion #3:** Identify and provide opportunities for citizens to engage positively in community healing. Creating a common purpose and chance to contribute to recovery efforts can help individuals and the community as a whole.
- **Suggestion #4:** Flood the media space with simple, accurate information to combat misinformation that might be impeding community healing.

Need help with community engagement or recovery planning? The CONSTANT team is here to support you in any way that we can. Shoot us an [email](#).



Wildlife Safaris. In California!

Did you know you can go on [wildlife safaris](#) in Point Reyes National Seashore in California? Apparently it is also the #1 National Park for bird diversity (who knew?!).

New Flag in Mississippi!

Check out Mississippi's [new state flag!](#) It now features a magnolia blossom surrounded by stars. The design was approved by a majority of voters this week. Apparently one of the proposed designs included a giant mosquito. Yikes.

Historic 'Firsts' From This Election.

While we still don't know all the outcomes of the election, we do know that the 2020 election marked a lot of 'firsts,' from the first openly transgender state senator (Delaware), to New Mexico electing all women of color to the House of Representatives. Check out more [here!](#)

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