Marion County
Medical Multi-Agency Coordination Center
DAILY SITUATIONAL AWARENESS BRIEF
May 25, 2011

COMMON OPERATING PICTURE
Air Quality Index – 35 (good)
Today’s Forecast – Moderate
Pollen Count – 3.8 (low-medium)
UV Index – 8 (very high)
Radiation Level - Beta Gross Count Rate (CPM): 52 (within normal range)

Weather
Expectations are for isolated cells or clusters of storms to begin forming early afternoon and quickly become severe with large hail...strong downbursts...and tornadoes...also appears squall line development should occur across central and southern Illinois on southward by late afternoon and push east into our area.

Hazardous Weather is Expected Today!

NATIONAL TERRORISM ADVISORY SYSTEM - No Active Alerts

THREAT ANALYSIS
Indianapolis is under a MODERATE RISK for severe weather today and tonight!

Present indications are that the best chances for severe storms will be during the afternoon and evening hours. The primary threats will be large hail and damaging winds. Tornadoes...some strong...will also be possible. Lightning and heavy rain are a risk from any thunderstorm today and tonight.

ACTION STEPS
Take immediate action when severe weather threatens
Watch: Issued when conditions are favorable for a particular severe weather hazard within the next several hours.
Warning: Issued when a particular severe weather hazard is imminent or occurring. Take immediate action to protect life and property.
+ In a home or small building go to the basement or to an interior room, such as a closet or bathroom, on the lowest floor possible. Get under a sturdy table or bed or crouch low and cover your head with your hands.
+ In mobile homes or vehicles... abandon them and go to a sturdy structure. If there is no such shelter nearby lie flat in a ditch, ravine, culvert or other low spot and shield your head with your hands. Never take shelter under a highway overpass. Overpasses create a deadly wind tunnel effect...which will pull you out from under the bridge.
+ In large buildings such as schools, factories, hospitals, nursing homes and shopping centers go to the pre-designated shelter area. Interior hallways on the lowest floor offer the most protection. Avoid areas with large span roofs, as these roofs are weak and prone to failure.
+ In high-rise buildings go to a small interior room or hallway away from windows.
+ Stay away from windows. Do not open or close them. It will not increase or decrease the amount of structural damage and you will waste valuable time and put your life at risk from flying debris. Remember, flying debris is the most dangerous hazard from tornadoes.

MESH is monitoring this situation closely and will issue updates as warranted. The Marion County Medical Multi-Agency Coordination Center (MedMACC) may raise its activation level in response to the issuance of tornado watches and/or warnings. You can always reach the on-call MedMACC duty officer via pager at (317) 310-6762 for any questions, or to request assistance.

INDY EVENTS
The following events have an expected attendance of at least 500 people. Mass gatherings are of concern to the healthcare sector for multiple reasons, including being potential mass casualty incidents as the result of natural or man-made hazards, and also provide venues for transmission of communicable diseases.
[1] American Family Insurance 500 Festival Community Day (Indianapolis Motor Speedway)
[2] Indiana Bankers Association (Indianapolis Convention Center)
[3] Wild Wednesday Street Legals and Slick Tire Test and Tune (Lucas Oil Raceway Park)

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