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## Hospital Updates

### Alabama

Alabama hospitals received minor damage, primarily due to wind and rain. Many patients from Mississippi and Louisiana have been transferred to these hospitals.

#### Hygeia Alabama Hospitals

**Number of hospitals: 78**

**Status: All facilities are open**

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4/19/05 – New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania  
*Severe Storms and Flooding*

4/14/05 – Arizona  
*Severe Storms and Flooding*

4/14/05 – California  
*Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides, and Mud and Debris Flows*

3/14/05 – Alaska  
*Severe Winter Storm*

3/7/05 – Nevada  
*Heavy Rains and Flooding*

2/18/05 – American Samoa  
*Tropical Cyclone Olaf, including High Winds, High Surf, and Heavy Rainfall*

2/17/05 – Arizona  
*Severe Storms and Flooding*

2/15/05 – Ohio  
*Severe Winter Storms, Flooding and Mudslides*

2/8/05 – Kansas  
*Severe Winter Storms, Heavy Rains, and Flooding*

2/8/05 – Kentucky  
*Severe Winter Storm and Record Snow*

2/4/05 – California  
*Severe Storms, Flooding, Debris Flows, and Mudslides*

2/1/05 – Utah  
*Severe Storms and Flooding*

2/1/05 – Hawaii  
*Severe Storms and Flash Flooding*

2/1/05 – West Virginia  
*Severe Storms, Flooding, and Landslides*

### Louisiana

As Hurricane Katrina approached, Louisiana hospitals in the storm's likely path were evacuated. As of October 10, 2005, the two largest hospital groups, Tenet Healthcare and HCA Healthcare report that four facilities each in New Orleans suffered serious damages. The two facilities operated by Universal Health Services hospital group and Louisiana State University's hospitals also remain closed. Very little additional damage was reported to any of the state's hospitals as a result of Hurricane Rita.

For the latest update on closed facilities, please visit the Louisiana Hospital Association website at [www.lhaonline.org](http://www.lhaonline.org). The Hospital Status report is located on the home page.

#### Hygeia Louisiana Hospitals

**Number of hospitals: 104**

**Status: 12 facilities closed (as of 10/10/05)**

### Mississippi

Tenet Healthcare's Gulf Coast Medical Center in Biloxi experienced serious damage during Hurricane Katrina. However, the ER is open, and radiology, lab services and limited cardiac diagnostic services are available. The facility is working with the State Health Department on a few minor clean-up issues, and anticipates opening twenty-five beds following clearance from the state.

For the latest update on this facility, please visit <http://www.gulfcoastmedicalcenter.com>.

#### Hygeia Mississippi Hospitals

**Total Number: 43**

**Status: 42 facilities are open, 1 facility closed (as of 10/10/05)**

### Texas

While many hospitals along the Texas Gulf Coast are returning to normal operations following Hurricane Rita, some facilities in Southeast Texas face a long, slow recovery. In Beaumont, Port Arthur, Orange, Jasper, Woodville and surrounding communities, hospitals are being hampered by the lack of electrical power, fuel and other basic services. In addition, many suffered damage to their physical plants.

For the latest update on affected hospitals, please visit the Texas Hospital Association at [www.thaonline.com](http://www.thaonline.com)

#### Hygeia Texas Hospitals

**Number of Hospitals: 295**

**Status: 16 partially or fully evacuated hospitals (as of 10/10/05)**

### Florida

Florida hospitals were largely impacted by power outages during Hurricane Katrina. All facilities are fully operational.

#### Hygeia Florida Hospitals

**Total Number: 206**

**Status: All facilities are open**

## Hospital Disaster Preparedness: A look at Palm Beach County and the Treasure Coast in Florida

Palm Beach County and Treasure Coast hospitals are prepared for a catastrophic hurricane and would be in better position to help patients than the New Orleans hospitals when they were pounded by Hurricane Katrina, according to local emergency management and hospital officials.

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