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# HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS WEEK

by Christy Hendricks

This year's National Hurricane Preparedness Week will be ongoing from **May 3-9, 2020**.

Be ready for hurricane season. Today you can determine your personal hurricane risk, find out if you live in a hurricane evacuation zone, and review/update insurance policies. You can also make a list of items to replenish hurricane emergency supplies and start thinking about how you will prepare your home for the coming hurricane season. If you live in a hurricane-prone area, you are encouraged to complete these simple preparations before hurricane season begins on June 1.

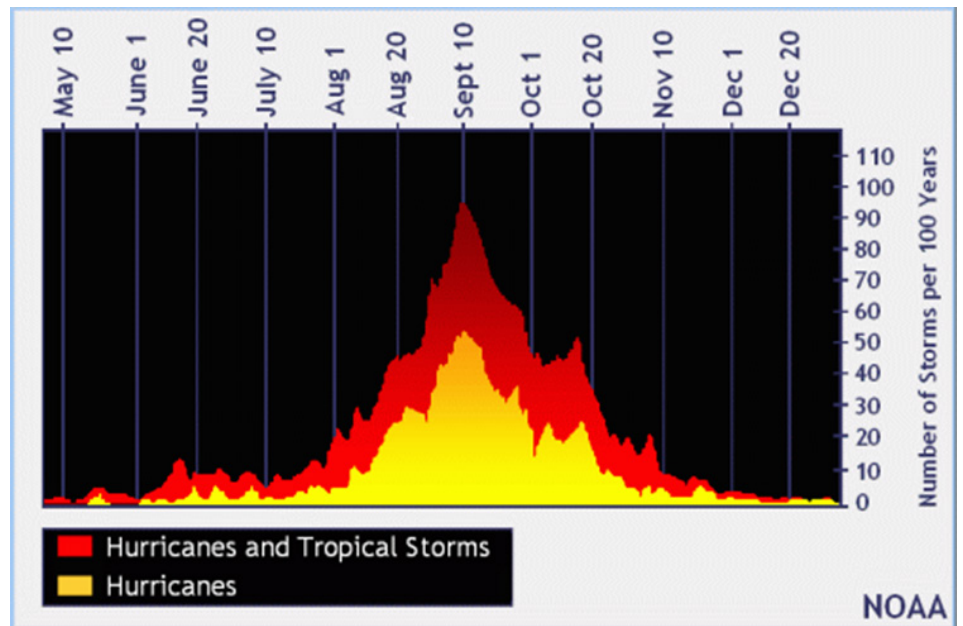
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**HURRICANE  
PREPAREDNESS  
WEEK 2020**

# HURRICANE SEASON

by James Westbrook

Hurricane season is quickly approaching. Officially beginning on June 1st, Hurricane season stretches through November and usually sees a peak in mid-September. Just like any severe weather season, Hurricane season has cycles within the season. June is when we are most likely to see storms develop in the Gulf of Mexico and move north



toward the Gulf Coast region. By July, storm development moves in the Caribbean Sea and areas near Bermuda in the open Atlantic. For August and September, which is when activity increases, more storms are forming in the low latitudes off the coast of Africa and the warm, open waters of the Atlantic Ocean. By October, the cycle tends to shift back towards the Gulf of Mexico and southern areas of the Caribbean Sea.

Each year, experts from around the world put together their predictions for the Atlantic Hurricane Season. Usually, there is some consensus in their predictions and this year is no exception. Overall, the 2020 Hurricane season is expected to be more active than normal with 16-19 named storms, 8-9 Hurricanes, and 3-4 "Major" (Category 3 or higher) storms. These predictions, however, do not project where the storms are going to occur. It is entirely possible to have a very active Hurricane season and to see no direct impacts to the United States. It is also possible to have a relatively quiet season, but if one storm becomes a major hurricane and strikes a population area, it can be devastating. So, the best thing to do is to remain weather aware and keep an eye on reputable sources, such as the National Hurricane Center ([hurricanes.gov](http://hurricanes.gov)).

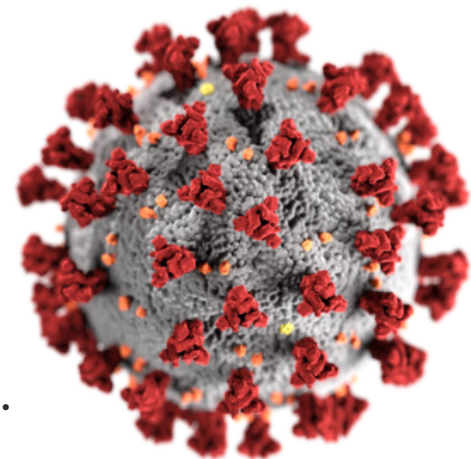
# COVID-19 UPDATE

## UNIVERSITY INFORMATION + RESOURCES

- Kennesaw State classes are now online and will remain online for the Summer 2020 semester.
- In response to the public health emergency related to the coronavirus (COVID-19), Kennesaw State University, under guidance from the University System of Georgia (USG), will transition New Student Orientation to an online experience for students beginning classes for the Fall 2020 term.
- Residence halls are closed to all students except those approved to remain on campus following the University's transition to remote instructions. No other students or guests outside of those approved to remain on campus are allowed in the residence halls.
- All events (student or faculty/staff sponsored) are cancelled/postponed until June 30.

## CONTINUE TO...

- Wash hands regularly.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow or use a tissue to cover your sneeze, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when experiencing symptoms.



# CRIME & THE CORONAVIRUS

by Michael Guerrero

Across the board, property crime is down in most places and there is a dip in most violent crime, although cities already wracked by gun violence and drugs continue to see those crimes proliferate, pandemic or no.

But not all criminal activity is refusing to social distance. Here are crimes that seem to grow as lockdown stretches on.

- Vehicle theft
- Domestic and family violence
- Burglary of commercial businesses left vacant
- Hate crimes (especially against Asian Americans)
- Financial scams
- Price gouging
- Assault on medical workers and law enforcement (usually through coughing, spitting, or sneezing)
- Defying stay-at-home orders and restrictions

What can you do? If you or someone you know is the victim of domestic abuse, contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline online or at 1-800-799-SAFE (7233). Calls are free, confidential, and offer support in 200+ languages.

Scams are targeting us when we are most vulnerable. Look out for IRS Scams, as the IRS will not contact you for any information related to your stimulus payment. Do not give out your social security number, full name, or birthdate.

Additionally, there has been a spike in emails, texts, and phone calls soliciting donations for phony charity organizations and others claiming to represent the World Health Organization (WHO) or the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

Report scams by the National Center for Disaster Fraud Hotline at 866-720-5721 or email [disaster@leo.gov](mailto:disaster@leo.gov). Or use the FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center and electronic tip form.

[Source.](#)

# SUMMER CERT SCHEDULE

by Christy Hendricks

We are pleased to announce the Summer CERT schedule! We will be holding classes on Wednesday's starting May 13th. All classes are 1pm-4pm, although most will not go that long. **CLASSES WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS.** We'll send the instructions next week on how that will work.

## Class Dates and Units\*:

- **May 13 | Units 1 & 2**  
- Disaster Preparedness & CERT Organization
- **May 20 | Unit 3**  
- Disaster Medical Operations (Part 1)
- **May 27 | Units 5 & 8**  
*(to include Spring CERT members)*  
- Disaster Psychology & CERT + Terrorism
- **June 3 | Units 4 & 7**  
- Disaster Medical Operations (Part 2) & Light Search + Rescue
- **June 10 | Unit 6**  
- Fire Safety and Utility Controls
- **June 17 | Unit 9**  
*(to include the Spring CERT members)*  
- Course Review, Final Exam and Disaster Simulation

We will be capping the registration for the classes at 50 people. To sign up, please email [oem@kennesaw.edu](mailto:oem@kennesaw.edu) and you will receive a confirmation in return that we have you scheduled. For anyone who would like more information on CERT, you can find it, including an electronic version of the student manual, here: <https://www.ready.gov/cert>.

Thanks, again, for all that you do for KSU!

**\*You must be able to attend all the classes if you sign up.**

# TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT

by Michael Guerrero

Every Tuesday starting May 19 thru June 30th, the Office of Emergency Management will be conducting virtual classes.

All classes will be conducted using MS Teams beginning at 2pm.

Please email me ([mguerre8@Kennesaw.edu](mailto:mguerre8@Kennesaw.edu)) if interested and what class you want to sign up for.

## SCHEDULE:

- May 19 - Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE)
- May 26 - Continuity Operations Planning
- June 2 - Weather Hazards
- June 9 - Suspicious Behavior and Reporting
- June 16 - Crime Prevention 101
- June 23 - Behavioral Indicators of an Active Shooter
- June 30 - Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE)



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## FOR MORE INFO

To learn more about the Office of Emergency Management, please visit <https://oem.kennesaw.edu/>.

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“ To ensure good health: breathe deeply, cultivate cheerfulness, and maintain an **interest in life.** ”

- William Londen

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**YOUR HANDS**

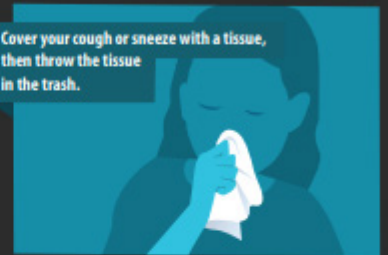
## STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

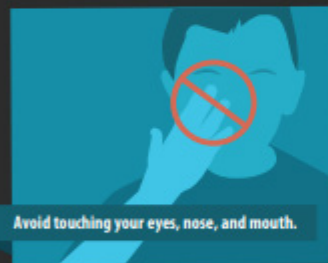
Avoid close contact with people who are sick.



Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.



Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.



Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.



Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.



[cdc.gov/COVID19](https://www.cdc.gov/COVID19)