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Important Message from Agency for Health Care Administration Secretary Mary Mayhew

“Once Hurricane Dorian passes by Florida’s eastern coast, our focus will shift from preparedness to post-impact recovery efforts. While most of Florida was spared from the impacts of Hurricane Dorian, the Bahama Islands were devastated, and we are anticipating that Florida health care facilities’ bed availability information will be needed as medical evacuees are moved off the islands. Evacuation plans are taking shape now, and will move quickly due to the wide spread destruction we are seeing in the Bahamas. The Bahamian people need our support now more than ever, and our Agency is working to ensure that as soon as help can be provided we are ready to take action.”

“The Emergency Status System (ESS) is how the Agency tracks evacuations, power outages and bed availability, and it is imperative that facilities are updating their needs and resources continuously.”

“We are asking that everyone update their bed availability this afternoon by 1:00 in the Emergency Status System, and keep this information updated continuously each day, no less than by 9:00AM and 4:00PM each day. This is of the utmost importance as we move forward.”

Bed availability includes providing the current census of the facility, the number of available beds by bed-type and associated information. If you are impacted, such as power outage or still evacuated, please report your impact and changes as they occur.

