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Coronavirus Adds to Complications Heading into Hurricane Season

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said there is a 60% chance the 2020 hurricane season will have "above-normal" activity, [according to a press release from the agency](#). It expects 13 to 19 named storms, of which six to 10 would become hurricanes.

As hurricane season approaches, the ongoing coronavirus pandemic adds another variable for supply chain managers to consider when navigating what can already be a disruptive period.

Cargo volume slid at ports across the country in April, and ocean carriers have responded to the lack of demand by [canceling a record number of sailings](#). Cancellations can complicate freight movement for shippers still moving inventory over the ocean. Read the full story on [Supply Chain Dive](#).

Resilience360 and Riskpulse Release Report on Supply Chain Impacts of 2020 Hurricane and Tropical Storm Season

[Resilience360](#) and [Riskpulse](#) have jointly released the “[2020 Tropical Storm Season Outlook](#),” which explores what the upcoming tropical storm and hurricane season could bring, and how storm activities may impact supply chains, especially in light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Both Resilience360 and Riskpulse monitor, predict and mitigate potentially disruptive events that can impact the supply chain for global manufacturers, shippers and retailers. Read the full story on [GlobeNewswire](#).

COVID-19 Spurs a Leap to Digital Supply Chains

Manufacturers and suppliers are taking a second look at digital transformation as they strive to operate in the new uncertainty of COVID-19. While they previously looked to technologies such as data, IoT, robotics and analytics to drive efficiency, they’re now viewing them as a means to increase resiliency in disruptive times. Read the full story on [Supply Chain Dive](#).

Federal Government to Distribute Nearly 100 Million Cloth Facial Coverings for Transportation Passengers

The Federal government [announced nearly 100 million cloth facial coverings will be sent to the aviation, transit, and passenger rail transportation sectors for passenger use](#). Approximately 86.8 million coverings will be distributed to airports, and 9.6 million coverings will be distributed to 458 transit agencies and Amtrak for passenger use.

U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Supply Chain Updates

FDA Reissues Emergency Use Authorizations Revising Which Types of Respirators Can Be Decontaminated for Reuse

In response to public health and safety concerns about the appropriateness of decontaminating certain respirators, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) [reissued certain emergency use authorizations \(EUAs\)](#) (current as of 6/7/20) to specify which respirators are appropriate for decontamination.

FDA Takes Action to Protect Public Health and Increase Supply of Alcohol-Based Hand Sanitizer

The [FDA has taken additional action](#) to help ensure widespread access to hand sanitizers during the COVID-19 public health emergency. FDA updated guidances (current as of 6/1/20) to provide additional clarification on the manufacturing and compounding of certain alcohol-based hand sanitizer products to help ensure that harmful levels of impurities are not present in ethanol used in hand sanitizer.

Upcoming Calls and Webinars

Immediately in Effect Guidance on Coronavirus (COVID-19) Diagnostic Tests Wednesday, June 24, at 12:15 pm ET [Click here for connection information](#)

The FDA will host a virtual Town Hall for clinical laboratories and commercial manufacturers that are developing or have developed diagnostic tests for SARS-CoV-2. The purpose of this Town Hall is to help answer technical questions about the development and validation of tests for SARS-CoV-2.

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