# 2021 Catastrophe Preparation and Testing Update

Claims Committee
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# **Catastrophe Response Phases**

Catastrophe Response Phases - Tropical Storm and Hurricane			
Phase		Event	Timing
1	Preparedness	Annual pre-season preparation	Dec 1 - March 31
2	Monitor	An invest or disturbance has been identified by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA)	April 1 - TBD
3	Activation	A tropical storm/hurricane watch/warning is issued for any part of the state	
4	Landfall	First 24-48 hours after a named storm makes landfall	
5	Recovery	First Response	First 30 days following landfall
		Sustained Response	30 days - 6 months following landfall
		Closing Response	6 months - 2 years following landfall



### **Catastrophe Preparation**

- 2021 Master Catastrophe Plan completed
- IT Catastrophe prep readiness at 90%\*
- Train the trainer meetings scheduled with Independent Adjuster firm vendors
- · Drone and aerial imagery vendors orientation scheduled



### **Catastrophe Testing**

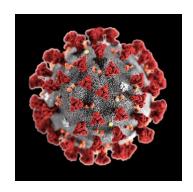
- FNOL Call Center stress test
- Virtual adjuster onboarding
- IT load testing for system readiness
- Customer Response Center Deployment Exercise
- Claims Service Vehicle and Generator readiness
- Claims Mobile App OneXperience
- Check Processing/Inserter validation
- Agility Mobile Office



### **Covid-19 Changes**

The 2021 Catastrophe Plan has been modified to adhere to all Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines in order to maintain a safe work environment for employees, contractors, and policyholders.

Citizens created Covid-19 protocols for claim handling shortly after the pandemic began. Those protocols remain in place today.





# 2021 Catastrophe Plan Highlights

- Dynamic plan with multiple layers of claims handling
  - Fast Track
  - Inspection Services
  - Task Field Adjusters
  - Resolution Unit
  - Large Loss
  - Commercial Team Adjusting



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- GIS tool with PIF overlay to assist in determining the policies at the greatest risk for damage
- Resource calculator for quantifying the number of resources for each staffing model
- Field Management support through use of the claims service vehicle and contracted vendors for field offices
- Quality assurance support for desk adjusters and review of submitted estimates
- Robust communication strategy through the adjuster portal for external resources.



#### Citizens Is Ready

Citizens Is Ready is a public education campaign to enhance public awareness of the many ways Citizens prepares for a catastrophe year-round.

#### Channels include:

- Email
- Press releases
- Social media
- Direct mail
- Radio
- Television
- Website
- Citizens' internal and external newsletters

