



## *Indiana Emergency Medical Services for*

### *Children Newsletter*

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#### *National Preparedness Month*

September is the United States National Preparedness Month. Historically, planning and preparedness for children has been inadequate. Be a part of your local emergency preparedness event or practice drill. Be an advocate for the unique needs of children in your community planning exercises. EMS providers can make a difference in preparing homeowners, business owners, medical personnel, medical facilities, and prepare their own families in the event of an emergency.

Available at: <http://www.ready.gov/> & <http://www.aap.org/pressroom/DisasterPrep9-11.html>

#### *Pediatric Disaster Triage: JumpSTART*

The Jump START pediatric multi-casualty triage tool was developed by Dr. Romig, a pediatric emergency physician in Miami, Florida. Jump START can be utilized from birth to adolescence and incorporates unique assessment needs of children. Jump START has been widely adopted by hospital ED's and EMS personnel involved in pediatric MCI's throughout the country.

Available at: [www.jumpstarttriage.com](http://www.jumpstarttriage.com)

#### *Flu Vaccination for the 2011 – 2012 Influenza Season*

According to the AAP, everyone 6 months of age and older should receive influenza vaccine for the 2011 – 2012 season. A person's immunity decreases as much as 50 percent 6-12 months after vaccination. Receiving another dose annually will provide optimal protection, and prevent health complications in vulnerable populations with underlying health conditions.

Available at: <http://www.aap.org/advocacy/releases/flushots2011.htm>

#### *Indiana State Fair*

Indiana EMSC would like to extend our deepest sympathies to all of the families affected by the tragedy which occurred at the 2011 Indiana State Fair. We are grateful for the quick and diligent response of the emergency community including our first responders, medics, nurses, and physicians at the local hospitals. Thank you for all your hard work.

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