

Update 1: United States of America - Tropical Storm 'Eta' Makes Second Landfall Adding Further Challenges Amid COVID-19 Crisis

- Tropical Storm Eta made landfall early Thursday, November 12th, along the west coast of the US state of Florida
- The National Hurricane Center (NHC) said the storm had maximum sustained winds of 85 kilometers per hour (kph) as the center hit near Cedar Key
- Forecasters expected Eta will bring up to eight centimeters of rain to parts of Florida during the day Thursday, November 12th, as it crosses the state before emerging into the Atlantic Ocean
- The tropical storm was on a path offshore of South Carolina that would eventually take it further out to sea
- One death in Florida was linked to the storm
- The storm system triggered flash flooding, multiple water rescues and road closures, and at least one collapsed bridge in South Carolina
- State and federal emergency orders are in place to help officials respond to the storm
- There were no other immediate reports of major damage
- Eta first made landfall as a major hurricane in Nicaragua and killed at least 120 people in Central America
- It later moved across Cuba and the Florida Keys before turning and affecting Florida again
- Also, it should be noted that with rising COVID-19 cases in Chicago, the Mayor and the Head of the city's health department unveiled new steps to help bend the curve
- A new stay at home advisory are part of 'Protect Chicago' beginning on Monday, November 16th, and will stay in place for 30 days
- The Mayor has urged the residents to avoid any non essential travel and to cancel the normal Thanksgiving plans, particularly if they include guests that do not live in your immediate household
- In addition to the advisory, the city will have new restrictions to limit meetings and social events to 10 individuals (both indoors and outdoors), which will also go into effect on November 16th
- As of now, the United States of America (USA) has reported 10,873,936 confirmed COVID-19 cases with 248,585 deaths (2.3% of total reported cases), and 6,728,120 recovered (61.9% of the total reported cases)
- Supply Wisdom is continuously monitoring the situation and will alert you to any relevant developments
- Please consult the United States Department of Health and Human Services (<https://www.hhs.gov/>) for the latest information on COVID-19 in the USA

Source(s)

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Targets Affected:

Orlando - Phoenix - United States of America - Washington DC

Category(s):

Geo-Political Risk

Event:

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Incident(s)

Guidance

Actions to consider:

- It is important for SW Subscribers to determine if procedures for evacuating employees to safe locations are in place, if required
- Determine if all staff and travelers in the mentioned regions are monitoring local weather, government warnings, and updates
- Firms with operations in the region should review their measures to mitigate the risk posed by such natural calamities
- Determine if current Business Continuity Plans of third parties/captive units account for sudden shortage or unavailability of resources in the event of several team members being unable to commute to the workplace due to adverse weather conditions
- It is advised to determine if alternate power supplies and network connections are available to deal with large-scale power outages and network failures (if any)
- SW Subscribers should ensure appropriate Business Continuity Plans and Programs are activated
- Consider implementing suggested actions related to 'Lockdown/Emergency/Extension of Lockdown/Other Restrictions' and 'Increase in Positive Cases/Deaths' under the 'COVID-19: Actions to Consider' section below / next page

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Tropical Storm 'Eta'

Impact level Definitions

Impact Level	Definitions
Immediate	Certain - Supply Wisdom recommends considering prompt action. Examples of Immediate level alert events may include bankruptcy filings, data breaches, unexpected curfews, strikes, power black-outs, major geo-political events etc.
High	Highly likely to occur in the near term (within 3 months) - Supply Wisdom recommends being in a state of readiness to take quick action. Examples of High level alert events may include withdrawal of rating by ratings agencies, hostile takeover, multiple cyber-attacks, new business policies causing significant hardship etc.
Medium	Likely to occur in the mid-term (within 3 to 6 months) - Supply Wisdom recommends reviewing current mitigation steps and being ready to take proactive actions if and when situation deteriorates further. Examples of Medium level alert events may include unplanned C-level exits, suppliers caught in bribery cases, economy slipping into recession.
Low	Possible in the long-term (after 6 months) - Supply Wisdom recommends taking proactive action if situation does not resolve. Examples of Low level alert events may include lawsuits filed against suppliers, client losses, air pollution alerts issued by country's local authorities, unexpected holidays announced for the location etc.
Informational	The event is pertinent information but does not have a risk element associated with it. Examples of Info level alert events may include launch of new solutions, partnerships signed, industry outlook, positive changes in government policies, announcements regarding launch of software parks/ free trade zones/special economic zones etc.