## Shortage of Sterile Fluids After Hurricane Helene

Johns Hopkins Medicine is working hard to manage the supply of sterile fluids after Hurricane Helene.



- Many hospitals are having trouble obtaining sterile fluids.
- Examples of sterile fluids include intravenous (IV), irrigation, and dialysis fluids.
- One of our main suppliers has told us that many sterile fluid products are in short supply.
- **Right now**, we have enough sterile fluids for patients who need treatments and surgeries, including for emergencies.
- Our doctors, nurses and pharmacists are finding ways to save sterile fluids while maintaining excellent patient care.
- Patients might get some medicines in different ways, such as by taking a pill instead of through an IV.
- In some cases, patients might be asked to drink fluids instead of getting them through an IV line.
- **Keeping patients safe** is our number one priority. Any alternative medication given is as effective as an IV drip.
- We want patients and their families to ask any questions they have about their care.
- WE WILL KEEP EVERYONE UPDATED AS THINGS CHANGE.

