How Many of the City’s Hospitals, and Hospital Beds, Were at Risk During Hurricane Sandy?

The city has 62 active hospitals, with a combined capacity of 26,451 beds.

- 20% of hospital beds in NYC are at risk—in or near likely flood zones.
- 5 hospitals (2,513 beds) were evacuated due to the storm.
- 8 more hospitals (2,793 beds) are in or adjacent to Evacuation Zone A.
- 4 at-risk hospitals are Level 1 Trauma Centers.

Hospitals below 32nd Street in Manhattan were particularly hard hit during the storm.

Prior to Hurricane Sandy, two hospitals in this area—Cabrini and St. Vincent’s Medical Centers, with a combined 1,200 beds—were closed. These closings also eliminated 1 of the 2 trauma centers downtown.

- 4 hospitals (2,142 beds) were evacuated during Sandy.
- 3 hospitals (1,130 beds) remained open.
- 1 general hospital (871 beds) remained open.
- No Level 1 Trauma Centers remained open.


Note: Number of beds for (non-Veterans Administration) active hospitals are as of August 2012.