

DAILY PREPAREDNESS BRIEF

Household Edition -- Monday, 06 July 2026
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⚠ PREPAREDNESS CONDITION 3 -- BROWN SKY -- INCIDENT PROBABLE ⚠

Monday, 06 July 2026 | PREP-CON 3 BROWN SKY | WX-CON 4 ELEVATED | SWX-CON 2 WATCH |
COMCON 4 INCREASED VIGILANCE | NIFC NPL not reverified this cycle | Venezuela EQ Day 12 -- 2,954
dead | Ebola PHEIC Day 52 -- DRC 1,460 confirmed (452 deaths)

THE ONE THING TODAY

HEAT WAVE HAS ENDED -- RELIEF HAS ARRIVED, BUT CHECK ON VULNERABLE NEIGHBORS ONE MORE TIME

Philadelphia's heat emergency ran 01-JUL through 04-JUL and has ended; relief reached the broader Northeast by 05-JUL, with Sunday highs back in the 80s in New York City and the mid-70s in Boston. More than 20 cities set daily heat records at the peak, and 25 deaths have been attributed to this heat wave. No active NWS extreme heat warning is in effect for this region today. If you or a neighbor spent the last week without reliable air conditioning, heat-related health effects can linger -- it's worth one more check-in on elderly neighbors and anyone who was struggling before the relief arrived.

Heat is the most lethal weather hazard in the US, and its effects are often invisible until it's too late -- one more check-in costs little and could matter.

WHAT TO WATCH -- THIS 24 HOURS



VENEZUELA EARTHQUAKE -- Day 12 Recovery/Reconstruction

Day 12: 2,954 confirmed dead, 16,592 injured -- the toll is rising on backlogged recovery reporting, not new harm. Displacement has genuinely improved: 10,700 people are now housed across 79 camps, down from a peak of 17,345 who lost homes. Operations have shifted from search-and-rescue to recovery and rebuilding. Phone and internet remain disrupted in some areas -- use Signal/WhatsApp/Zello if available, or satellite. Red Cross Disaster Welfare Inquiry: [redcross.org](https://www.redcross.org). Do not travel to Venezuela.



WILDFIRE -- COTTONWOOD FIRE -- STILL THE NATION'S LARGEST

Cottonwood Fire (Beaver County UT) remains the nation's largest active wildfire at roughly 94,800 acres, stable with minimal growth this cycle. Containment percentage is not being reported this cycle -- sources disagree and we're not comfortable publishing a number until it's confirmed. Level 3 Go evacuations remain in effect -- if you're in an affected area, do not wait for a further order. Three firefighters were killed 28-JUN on a separate fire (the Knowles Fire, Colorado). If you're in fire country, know your evacuation route before you need it.



SEVERE WEATHER -- SLIGHT RISK EASTERN DAKOTAS/WESTERN MN AND CENTRAL VIRGINIA TODAY

The Storm Prediction Center has a Slight risk out today for the eastern Dakotas and western Minnesota (large hail and severe wind gusts possible) and for central Virginia into far north-central North Carolina (damaging wind gusts the main concern). This is down from the Enhanced risk earlier this week. If you're in either area, know where you'd shelter and keep your phone's weather alerts on today.



EBOLA PHEIC -- DAY 52 / FATALITY RATE RISING

DRC now has 1,460 confirmed cases (452 deaths) across 34 health zones -- the fatality rate has risen from about 26% to about 31%, a real worsening beyond just more cases. Uganda has 20 confirmed. The Bundibugyo strain has no approved vaccine or treatment. A healthcare worker in France remains the only confirmed case imported into the EU. US risk remains very low -- enhanced entry screening continues at IAD/ATL/IAH/JFK. No action required for most US households. If you recently

returned from DRC or Uganda and develop fever, muscle pain, or bleeding, contact a doctor immediately and mention your travel.



CYBER -- NEW CRITICAL VULNERABILITY / HOME NETWORK CHECK

For home users: if you use Ubiquiti UniFi networking equipment, the federal security deadline passed over two weeks ago -- check that your firmware is current. Two separate vulnerabilities now have overdue patch deadlines: SimpleHelp (used by many small businesses and IT support companies for remote access) and a newly identified Microsoft SharePoint Server issue affecting organizations running their own SharePoint servers. If you or your employer use either, patch now. No ransomware or mass-exploitation events targeting home users were reported this cycle.



WORLD CUP -- DAY 27 / ROUND OF 16

The Round of 32 concluded 03-JUL as scheduled and the Round of 16 is now underway. There were fan-zone security incidents at San Pedro Square earlier this cycle (a homicide and separate stabbings), though no incidents at any stadium venue. Iran's elimination and departure removed the tournament's highest diplomatic flashpoint. Today's match schedule wasn't independently checked this cycle -- confirm times before heading out. The regional heat wave has eased, but stay hydrated and know where shade and medical stations are regardless.

PREPAREDNESS CHECKLIST -- TODAY'S PRIORITIES

WILDFIRE (if you're in fire country)

- ☐ Check local fire status -- has containment improved or has the fire grown overnight?
- ☐ If Level 3 Go order is in your area: leave now, not later
- ☐ Go bag status: medications, documents, charger, water in the vehicle
- ☐ Livestock and pets: have a transport plan before the order arrives
- ☐ Monitor: NIFC.gov, local county emergency management, NWS fire weather alerts
- ☐ Sign up for county emergency alerts at your county EM website if not already done.

HEAT SAFETY (general reminders following the recent heat wave)

- ☐ Identify an air-conditioned space near you today (library, mall, cooling center) before you need it
- ☐ Check on elderly neighbors, young children, and anyone without reliable AC
- ☐ Never leave kids or pets in a parked car, even briefly -- vehicle interiors can exceed 120F in minutes
- ☐ Reschedule strenuous outdoor activity to early morning or evening; watch for signs of heat exhaustion

GENERAL MONDAY MORNING PREPAREDNESS

- ☐ Check NWR (weather radio) -- 18 transmitters still OOS/DEGRADED nationwide -- know your backup alert method
- ☐ Ubiquiti UniFi users: federal security deadline passed over two weeks ago -- check firmware now
- ☐ If you have family or colleagues in Venezuela: internet and phone service remain disrupted -- use satellite apps or the Red Cross Disaster Welfare Inquiry service (redcross.org) if you haven't already
- ☐ Family communications plan: do you have a meeting place and out-of-area contact if phones are down?

CONDITION SUMMARY

PREP-CON 3 BROWN SKY

Incident Probable -- multiple simultaneous active situations (Hormuz tensions, national wildfire posture, Venezuela EQ recovery, Ebola PHEIC). Today is not a normal day. Review your emergency contacts, know your local alerts, and make sure your go bag is accessible.

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**WX-CON 4
ELEVATED --
Severe Weather**

WX-CON 4 ELEVATED, down from CRITICAL. The multi-day heat wave has ended -- see today's lead story. A Slight severe thunderstorm risk is out today for the eastern Dakotas/western Minnesota and central Virginia, with damaging wind gusts the main threat. Wildfire conditions are tracked separately below -- see the wildfire item above for Cottonwood Fire status.

**SWX-CON 2
WATCH -- Solar
Electron Flux
Event**

A solar radiation event and a radio blackout were recorded today; practical household impact remains low for most people. There's no confirmed aurora visibility forecast for tonight tied to this specific event -- if that changes, we'll flag it in a future brief.

**COMCON 4
Increased Vigilance**

18 NWR weather radio transmitters are OOS or degraded nationwide -- still have a backup alert method (phone alerts, local TV, or a battery-powered radio). If you manage enterprise networking equipment, two separate vulnerabilities remain unpatched -- see the cyber item above.

RESOURCES

Emergency preparedness planning: fortunefavorstheprepared.com

Daily Threat Report (practitioner): fortunefavorstheprepared.com/dtr

NIFC National Fire News: nifc.gov/fire-information/nfn

NOAA Space Weather Center: swpc.noaa.gov

SPC Severe Weather Outlooks: spc.noaa.gov

Venezuela earthquake -- USGS: earthquake.usgs.gov

CDC Ebola updates: cdc.gov/vhf/ebola

American Red Cross disaster welfare: redcross.org

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