Preparing for Disasters During a Pandemic

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During the COVID-19 pandemic, many populations have experienced additional disasters and hazards, including wildfires and hurricanes. Many people have also experienced hardships such as food insecurity, military service member deployments, and loss of employment. This session addresses the unique planning and preparations necessary when families experience multiple disasters and hazards simultaneously.

Dr. Keith Tidball approaches the conversation with an emphasis on planning and growth. We are living in a time of teachable moments, when we can be both proactive (planning ahead for social and mental impacts) and reactive (taking note of what is being done and what has worked). Dr. Tidball shares strategies for building in extra layers of protections on disaster and hazard planning, being cognizant of impacts as they occur, and incorporating different impacts and lessons learned into dynamic plans.

Military families already face unique challenges as they experience hazards and disasters—this session helps prepare service providers and Extension educators to offer the supports required when multiple hazards and disasters are experienced simultaneously.

This series builds on the basic concepts of disaster and hazard management, including impacts and responses, planning, collaboration, and mitigation.