PREPAREDNESS 101:

ZOMBIE PANDEMIC
I get to pick the next movie! That one's going to give me nightmares.

Oh you're such a baby, it wasn't that scary. You know that kind of stuff would never really happen.
Well I'm going to try and get some sleep...

Don't stay up too late.

Alright, Max and I will be on the lookout for the Boogeyman, Ha Ha

Very Funny.

Stay tuned for Channel 2 nightly news.

The End

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NEWS
IN OTHER NEWS, SEVERAL PEOPLE HAVE BEEN HOSPITALIZED AFTER A STRANGE VIRUS BEGAN SPREADING RAPIDLY THROUGH THE SOUTHEAST...

Scientists haven't identified the virus yet, but symptoms include slow movement, slurred speech, and violent tendencies...

THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION IS RECOMMENDING THAT PEOPLE DISTANCE THEMSELVES FROM ANYONE DISPLAYING THESE SYMPTOMS.

THEM ARE ALSO RECOMMENDING FAMILIES GATHER EMERGENCY SUPPLIES AND MAKE PLANS IN CASE THEY ARE ASKED TO EVACUATE...

http://emergency.cdc.gov

EMERGENCY SUPPLIES, EVACUATION... WHAT'S GOING ON MAX?

YOU CAN GET MORE INFORMATION AT EMERGENCY.CDC.GOV.
Let's check the CDC's website.

A zombie virus?

Let's check the internet...

This does not look good, Max.

Okay, Max... let's see what we can gather up.

An emergency preparedness kit, eh? I better print this out...

Okay, Max... let's see what we can gather up.
Oh yeah, buddy. I guess I need to add some of your stuff too.

Man I forgot I had this. It used to be my dad’s.

Well it looks like we’ve got almost everything, Max... water, food, radio, flashlight...

He was always listening to the weather report when storms came through. Guess we’ll add it to the supplies!

Next, the pair go down to the basement.

Urrufff!
Well that should do it...

Let's see if there have been any new developments.

Wow, Max... looks like they're everywhere!

Maybe we should take a break from the horror movies Max, I'm acting like Julie, jumping at every little noise.

Huh?!

GRRRRR...

Huh?!

Huh?!

What in the...??

MEEEEOOOO/wwwrrrrr!
LET'S SEE WHAT ALL THE RACKET IS ABOUT.

MEOOOWWWRRR!!!

SNOWBALL, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

PPFFTT!!

NOW WHAT?

DID MRS. CLEMENTS LET YOU OUT AGAIN? YOU KNOW YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO RUN OFF LIKE THAT.

RRRR!

MAX, LEAVE SNOWBALL ALONE!

UUURRRRR!

JUST THEN THE DULL SOUND OF SHUFFLING AND MOANING CAN BE HEARD FROM OUTSIDE.

HELLO...?

UH... MRS. CLEMENTS...?
Uh... Mrs. Clements you don't look so good.

Maybe you should go lie down and I'll bring Snowball back for you.

Mrs. Clements!!

Urrr!

What?!!

It's me Todd, your neighbor!! You really don't look well!! Why don't you go back home...

...and I'll bring Snowball by in the morning!

Urrk!

Okay, maybe not...!

Aah!!

Rrowwr!!

Grrrr!!
Todd...?

SARR!

Later, Mrs. Clements!

Let go!

Urrp!

SLAM!

WHAT IN THE WORLD IS GOING ON DOWN THERE?

Urrrm! Grr...Blurr...!

I'm pretty sure Mrs. Clements was trying to attack her own cat, and she just nearly got me!

Something weird is happening!

No, I'm serious. There's a weird virus going around, look at the news...

Todd...?

What on earth are you talking about? Mrs. Clements is a sweet old lady. She wouldn't hurt a fly. I think you got a little too into that movie.
What?!

Oh my gosh!

Maybe we should just sleep down here tonight.

I THOUGHT YOU SAID STUFF LIKE THIS ONLY HAPPENED IN THE MOVIES! WHAT IS GOING ON TODD?!

I thought you said stuff like this only happened in the movies! What is going on Todd?!

I don’t know but it sounds like we better sit tight. Max and I got some supplies together earlier.

What?!

Minutes later Todd and Julie have set up sleeping bags and turned on the radio.

Quarantine efforts here in Raleigh haven’t done much to contain the spread of the virus. Over half the city is now infected and new cases are showing up throughout the southeast.

This is a very grave and dangerous situation. The governor has declared a state of emergency and has activated the national guard. The governor is urging everyone who is not showing symptoms to stay in their homes and keep their doors locked.

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...warnings have been issued for dozens of counties about staying inside and area hospitals are being overrun...

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Okay, okay... I'm coming. Let's take a peek outside and see what's happening...

Uh? Wha?

(Whine!)

What is it Max? It's still dark out.

What the... ?!!
Max, I think we better turn on the TV...

Nothing but snow. Let's try the radio...

Stay in your homes. Do not go outside. If you or your family begin showing symptoms such as slowed movement, slurred speech, or violent behaviors, isolate them to a secure area of the house. Stay tuned for more information on where to go... Stay in your...

Uhm... Todd... What's going on now?

To be continued...
Several days later at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, Georgia...
Ah, Dr. Chang...

Dr. Greene, I was just on my way to the lab...

Have we isolated the sample from the state yet?

Yes, the health department sent it in Monday and we’ve managed to map the virus’ DNA...

Interesting... do we know what the source is?

It appears to be a highly mutated form of the flu. They’ve labeled it Z5N1.
But several of them now become infected.

No sir... the field staff are still trying to investigate where it started...

The zombie virus is spreading rapidly infecting 21 people for every infected person.

But several of them have now become infected.

All the more reason to get this vaccine made... and fast!
Excellent.
I agree. I've called everyone in on this one. They're working 'round the clock.

EXCELLENT.

LET ME SHOW YOU SOMETHING DR. SHOSH HAS BEEN WORKING ON...
Thomas has been modeling the vaccine and how it will work once it enters the bloodstream.

We're using the same type of vaccine that we use for the seasonal flu...

But engineering it to target Z5N1.

And how soon will we be able to distribute this vaccine?

Another week?!!

It's going to take at least another week to get the first batch out.

The entire southeast could be infected by then.

Kim, get on the phone with Susan's group...

We need to get messages to the public on staying indoors and avoiding exposure.

But they need to start moving supplies out to the states as soon as the vaccine is ready.

Indeed, they're going to be busy. I'll make a call to Hudson and let him know what's coming.

I'll get right on it, Dr. Greene.

No, sir...

Thomas, have you talked to Stockpile, yet?
Just lemme know when you've got the drugs ready.

Roger That.

I'll send the alert out to the states and get the trucks ready to ship out.

WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A VACCINE READY TO GO IN A WEEK AND WE'LL NEED YOUR TEAM TO SHIP OUT ALL THE MEDS AND SUPPLIES THAT GO WITH IT.

JUST LEMME KNOW WHEN YOU'VE GOT THE DRUGS READY.
WE’RE ALMOST OUT OF FOOD. IT’S BEEN ALMOST A WEEK, TODD, AND WE HAVEN’T LEFT THE HOUSE!

SOMETHING’S ON THE RADIO...

...CONTINUES TO SPREAD. CDC IS URGING EVERYONE TO PRACTICE ISOLATION. STAY IN YOUR HOMES. IF YOU MUST LEAVE, GO DIRECTLY TO A DESIGNATED SAFE ZONE.

VACCINES WILL BE SHIPPED TO THE SAFE ZONES AS SOON AS THEY ARE READY. STAY TUNED FOR A LIST OF SAFE ZONES IN YOUR AREA...

DO YOU THINK THEY HAVE FOOD AT ONE OF THESE SAFE ZONES?

WE NEED TO GET SOME FOOD!

THEY MUST. WHY ELSE WOULD THEY TELL PEOPLE TO GO THERE?

THAT’S US! LEE ELEMENTARY... AND YOU CAN COME TOO, MAX!

RARF!

ALRIGHT... BUT HOW ARE WE GOING TO GET OUT OF HERE?

Meanwhile back at Todd and Julie’s...

Spaulding Elementary, MLK Community Center and Jefferson High School. Pets are welcome at Lee Elementary in Wayne County...
Alright, let’s pack a couple bags and get moving! It’s going to be dark soon and I don’t want to be stuck outside with those things!

We’re gonna have to make a run for it. They seem to be slower in the daytime...

...and the car’s not too far away.

I’ve got water, the last of the food, a blanket, flashlight and the radio...

The coast is almost clear. There’s one zombie just passing the driveway...

Okay, as soon as this guy gets out of the way, I’ll tell you when to go.

And you gotta run!

Let me get Max’s leash on and I think we’re ready.
Go! Go! Go!

Oh Todd...
they're everywhere!
I think they've seen us!

Okay, Max is in the back. Hurry, Todd!

Oh man, some of them are headed this way!

Oh Todd...
they're everywhere!
I think they've seen us!

Come on, girl...
we're counting on you!

Pat! Pat! Pat!

Eeee!!!
Toddy! Eoooooooonnnn!!!

Be sure you're door's locked!

Garrr!
Uh oh... the fuel light just came on! How far away is that school?

What? You're out of gas? We've got 10 miles to go and it's starting to get dark!

Well... we better drive fast and take chances!

Do me a favor and try not to hit any of them...?
Julie, Todd and Max race through town to reach the safe zone...

The streets are empty!

I guess most of them go into hiding during daylight.

We made it!

Lee Elementary School... what a sight for sore eyes!

You folks made it just in time. We lock up at dusk and don’t re-open until the morning.

Go on inside, get screened, signed in and they’ll give you some food and a place to sleep.

Kputt!

Putt!

Putt!

And just in time... the car’s sputtering out.
I'm Nurse Evans... Just follow me so we can get you both screened with a simple blood test.

Later, having been screened for the virus, Julie and Todd are cleared and allowed to enter the gymnasium which has been converted into a shelter...
Okay, Max, let’s see what’s happening outside.

...CDC shipped out its first supply of vaccines against this novel virus that has been ravaging the nation. The first round should reach safe zones as early as this evening...

What?!

We’re saved?! I can’t believe it!

Hey folks, the vaccines are on their way!

Vaccines?!

Yayy!!

While the shelter erupts in cheers, hugs and tears of relief... outside the school’s protective fence, shadowy figures are closing in...
Meanwhile back at the National Stockpile Warehouse...

Alight, folks, listen up... At 0600 we start shipping out the first round of vaccine and supplies to the states...

From there the State Health Departments will divvy up the supplies and take them to the various points of dispensing.

"We've got a lot of work to do so don't expect to get any breaks until everyone has been vaccinated. Now let's move!"
Around sunset, the first truck arrives at the gate of the school...

But with the setting sun, the zombies become more active and they begin closing in on the school...

The zombie horde surrounds and overpowers the guards then begins to break into the school, smashing windows and doors...

...heading for the crowded shelter in the gymnasium!

Hey everybody... it's here! It's here!

Quick! Get the truck inside the gate. Here they come!

Sarge, we're gonna get over-run!

Glurp!

GAAAAAARRRR!!

We can't just shoot them. These are our fellow citizens!

Oh my gosh! Here they come!! Run!

Arrgh!
Mass panic ensues as everyone realizes there's nowhere to run!!!

All of a sudden zombies break through the windows and doors and begin streaming in.

Back in the gym, people are chattering happily with their families when they hear glass breaking.

Todd, what do we do?

Run to the lab area, maybe there's a way out!

Graaarsh!

Todd, look out!!!

Nooooooo!!!
Rowf! Rowf!

Whoa!

Rowf! Rowf!

Max...?

Rowf! Rowf!

Where...?

Wow... It was all just a dream...?

Thunderstorm's coming...

Todd!

What in the world is going on down there?

Huh?

Oh... Uhh...

I was just having a bad dream. I dreamt the country had been taken over by zombies... and they almost got us!

Ugh! You and your scary movies. See, this is what happens when all you watch horror films!

What's that on the TV?

Come on, I think we better get to the basement. This looks like a bad storm.
What are you looking for?

Todd and Julie head down into the basement...

This! I forgot we had it.

It used to be my dad's.

I've been thinking... we should really make an emergency kit in case something happened.

What if we were stuck in the house or had to evacuate?

We need to have a plan!

Something that could come in real handy...

Wow... that old thing still works!

...severe thunderstorm warnings in effect for the following counties: Prince Georges, Bartow, Wayne...

OK, but I'm serious... I think we need to make an emergency kit.

Wayne? Hey, that's us... turn it up!

I hear ya!
As soon as this storm passes, we can make all the kits and plans you want.

But next time, I’m picking the movie.
**ALL-HAZARDS EMERGENCY KIT**

Assemble the following items to create a kit for your home, office, school, or vehicle:

- Water—one gallon per person, per day
- Food—nonperishable, easy-to-prepare items (minimum 3 day supply)
- Flashlight
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio (NOAA Weather Radio, if possible)
- Extra batteries
- First aid kit (whistle, antibiotic ointment, bandages, face masks, gloves and reference book)
- Medications (7 day supply and medicinal dispensers if necessary)
- Multipurpose supplies (wrench, pliers, plastic sheet, duct tape, scissors, matches)
- Sanitation/personal hygiene items and bleach
- Copies of personal documents (medication list and pertinent medical information, proof of address, deed/lease to home, passports, birth certificates, insurance policies)
- Cell phone with charger
- Family Disaster Plan (family and emergency contact information)
- Extra cash
- Emergency blanket, extra clothes, sleeping bag (1 for each person)
- Map(s) of the area

Consider the needs of all family members and add supplies to your kit. Suggested items to help meet additional needs are:

- Specific medical supplies (hearing aids/extra batteries, glasses, contact lenses, syringes, cane)
- Baby supplies (bottles, formula, baby food, diapers)
- Games and activities for children
- Pet supplies (collar, leash, ID, food, carrier, bowl)
- Two-way radios
- Extra set of car keys and house keys

For more information visit: www.cdc.gov/phpr
We hope you enjoyed reading this fictional story. It’s meant to be both educational and entertaining. Now that you’ve seen the importance of being prepared, take the time to put together an emergency kit with the items included in the checklist on the inside of the back cover. You’ll be ready for any kind of disaster, even zombies.