



Louisiana Tropical Storm Arthur June 19, 2026

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Social media post June 17, 2026:

“As Tropical Storm Arthur approaches, our biggest threat remains flooding. I urge all of Louisiana to stay off the roads and monitor road closures by visiting [511la.org](#). Be sure to listen to local officials for up-to-date information and resources. Stay safe Louisiana!”

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Social media post June 18, 2026:

“5:00 p.m update: The rain has subsided on the northern portion of the parish and flood waters are receding. It is estimated that the area received 14-17 inches of rain north of Hwy. 15. Search and rescue operations have concluded. There are no injuries, and most importantly, no loss of life reported. Sadly, we have about 30 of our residents who have experienced flooding of their homes. Shelter operations were established and those in the shelter have found placement with friends/family. If anyone is needing shelter tonight or in the coming days, please reach out to 911 for assistance. The pumps in the north end of the parish are operating however, some roads remain impassable due to water. Please do not attempt to navigate flooded roadways. Please drive with care especially once it becomes dark. Parish President Major Thibaut and all of parish government thanks our first responders and parish government employees for all their efforts these past few days. Stay Safe Pointe Coupee.”

American Red Cross

American Red Cross of Louisiana

2640 Canal St.
New Orleans, LA 70119
(504) 620-3150
[Louisiana Region | American Red Cross](#)

Press release June 18, 2026:

“Red Cross Opens Emergency Shelter in Response to Tropical Storm Arthur, Severe Weather

Everyone is welcome at a Red Cross shelter. Anyone affected by the storm can access Red Cross services.

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[BATON ROUGE, LA] June 18, 2026 — *As effects of Post-tropical Storm Arthur continue to batter Louisiana with flash flooding, destructive winds and tornado activity, the American Red Cross has opened an emergency shelter to provide safe refuge, hot meals and compassionate support to residents forced from their homes. Residents impacted by the storm can call 1-800-RED CROSS (733-2767) for assistance.*

Red Cross shelters are a safe place for everyone in need, regardless of race, ethnicity, age, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, ability or citizenship status. The Red Cross does not require people to show any kind of identification to enter a shelter – just their name and where they were living before the flooding.

*As of **June 18, 2026**, the Red Cross shelter below is open:*

- ***Avoyelles Parish***
Cochon de Lait Center
1822 L'Eglise St, Mansura, LA 71350

Arthur, the first named storm of the 2026 Atlantic hurricane season, has left a trail of property damage and widespread power outages in its wake. For families with nowhere to turn, Red Cross shelters are open now, and free to anyone who needs them.

Trained Red Cross disaster volunteers from communities across the state have been mobilized to staff shelters and assist neighbors in need. Emergency response vehicles and disaster relief supplies have been strategically deployed to key locations to support sheltering operations as they expand.

The Red Cross is working in close coordination with parish emergency management agencies and state officials to assess damage, identify the hard-hit

areas and ensure shelter capacity keeps pace with demand. With dangerous weather forecasts through the end of the week, the organization is prepared to open additional locations as the situation develops.

Residents should not wait to seek help. Shelters are safe, welcoming, and available at no cost.

WHAT TO BRING TO A RED CROSS SHELTER

When you come to a Red Cross shelter, you are welcome to bring:

- Special items for children, like food/formula, diapers, extra clothing, toys, etc.
- Items for pets, including a leash, pet medications, pet food and a pet carrier or crate.
- Prescription medications and medical devices you may need.
- Comfort items like pillows, blankets, towels, change of clothing, charging devices or other items you may want to have with you at the shelter.

HOW TO GET HELP

Anyone affected by the storms can call the Red Cross Disaster Assistance hotline at 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) for support, including help locating emergency shelter, food and other assistance.

HOW TO HELP

Financial donations allow the Red Cross to prepare for, respond to and help people recover from disasters like this one. To donate, visit [redcross.org](https://www.redcross.org), call 1-800-RED CROSS, or text the word REDCROSS to 90999 to make a \$10 donation.”

To view an updated list of shelters, visit [Disaster Shelters | Find Shelters | American Red Cross](#)

Department of Transportation

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Press release June 18, 2026:

*“DOTD urges motorists to use caution following overnight storms
Thursday, June 18, 2026 at 7:07:08 AM*

New Orleans - *The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development advises motorists in areas affected by overnight storms and power outages to use caution while traveling.*

Power interruptions may affect traffic signals in some areas. Motorists approaching an intersection where the traffic signal is not operating should treat the intersection as a four-way stop and proceed only when it is safe to do so.

Drivers should reduce their speed, remain alert for roadway debris, standing water, work crews, and changing traffic conditions, and allow additional time for travel.

DOTD crews are monitoring state routes and responding to reported issues as conditions allow.

DOTD appreciates the public’s patience and cooperation.”

Please visit [511LA| LA Traffic | Trip Planner | Road Conditions](#) to view current traffic conditions.

United Way/211 Information and Referrals Lines

These information and referral lines may know of additional resources currently providing assistance, such as food pantries, clothing closets, emergency shelters, and agencies offering financial assistance. Please dial 2-1-1 and provide your zip code and demographic information in order to receive referrals. Information can also be obtained at [Call 211 for Essential Community Services | United Way 211](#).

2-1-1 Louisiana Statewide Network
Dial 2-1-1 or text your zip code to 898-211
[Louisiana 211 Statewide Network |](#)

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Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

(800) 621-3362
[FEMA.gov](#)

Please visit the website and click on “*Disaster Declarations*”. If a disaster is declared, please call to apply for assistance by phone, or visit: [Individual Assistance | FEMA.gov](#) to apply online.

DisasterAssistance.gov

[Home | disasterassistance.gov](#)

Offers information about local resources for disasters, including: FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs), Red Cross, food, shelter, state emergency management agencies, and hospital locators.

To determine if individual disaster assistance is available through FEMA, please visit the website and enter the address.

To locate your local state emergency management agency for disaster information and updates, please visit: [Search Your Location | FEMA.gov](#)

American Red Cross National

(800) 733-2767

[American Red Cross | Help Those Affected by Disasters](#)

National Weather Service

Weather alerts by state are available at: [Active Alerts \(weather.gov\)](#).

The Weather Channel

Local forecasts and severe weather.

[National and Local Weather Radar, Daily Forecast, Hurricane and information from The Weather Channel and weather.com.](#)

Safe Travel USA

[SafeTravelUSA](#)

National Traffic And Road Closure Information

[National Traffic and Road Closure Information | Federal Highway Administration \(dot.gov\)](#)

Free Help Line

Optum, a leading health and behavioral health services company, is offering a free emotional-support help line.

The toll-free number, 866-447-3573, will be open Monday-Friday, 8am-8pm CST. The service is free of charge and open to anyone. Specially trained Optum mental health specialists help people manage their stress and anxiety so they can continue to address

their everyday needs. Callers may also receive referrals to community resources to help them with specific concerns, including financial and legal matters.

Along with the toll-free help line, emotional-support resources and information are available online at <https://www.liveandworkwell.com>.