

Louisiana Tropical Storm Beta September 22, 2020

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“September 21, 2020

Today, Gov. John Bel Edwards declared a state of emergency in advance of Tropical Storm Beta, which could impact Louisiana in the coming days, allowing the state to assist local governments with their response needs.

The National Weather Service has indicated that Tropical Storm Beta, which is currently located off the coast of Texas in the northwestern portion of the Gulf of Mexico, is expected to make landfall near the middle Texas coast late Monday or early Tuesday as a tropical storm. “

Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP)

7667 Independence Blvd.

Baton Rouge, LA 70806

(225) 925-7500

<http://www.gohsep.la.gov>

<https://www.facebook.com/gohsep>

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Open Shelters:

For information on shelters, please contact your OHSEP Parish. For contact information, visit: <http://gohsep.la.gov/ABOUT/PARISHPA>

Red Cross-Louisiana Region

2640 Canal Street

New Orleans, LA 70128

(504) 620-3105

<http://www.redcross.org/local/louisiana>

<https://www.facebook.com/RedCrossSELA>

<https://twitter.com/redcross>

Open Shelters:

Ascension Parish: Lamar-Dixon Gym 9039 S St Landry Ave Gonzales, LA 70737

To view updates on shelters, visit <https://www.redcross.org/get-help/disaster-relief-and-recovery-services/find-an-open-shelter.html>

Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD)

1201 Capitol Access Rd.

Baton Rouge, LA, 70802

(225) 379-1232

<http://www.sp.dotd.la.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

<https://www.facebook.com/LADOTD>

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For a full list of state-wide road condition updates, please call 5-1-1 or visit:

<http://www.511la.org> Out-of-state travelers may call: (888) 762-3511

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 call and provide your zip code and demographic information in order to receive referrals.

From all local numbers, dial 2-1-1.

From all other numbers, dial: (800) 594-8911 or (318) 322-0400

Resource assistance is also available from the website at: <https://www.louisiana211.org>

NATIONAL RESOURCES:

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA)

500 C Street SW

Washington, DC 20472

(800) 621-3362

<http://www.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 <http://www.fema.gov/apply-assistance> to apply online.

DISASTERASSISTANCE.GOV

<https://www.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 <http://www.fema.gov/emergency-management-agencies>

AMERICAN RED CROSS NATIONAL

National Headquarters

2025 East Street, NW
Washington, DC 20006
(202) 303-4498 or (800) 733-2767
<http://www.redcross.org>

Please call or visit the website to locate your local chapter and open shelters.

AMERICAN RED CROSS SAFE AND WELL LIST

<https://safeandwell.communityos.org/cms/index.php>

Residents affected can notify their friends and family that they are safe by visiting the website and selecting "*List Myself as Safe and Well.*" Individuals can also search for loved ones by selecting "*Search Registrants.*"

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

Weather alerts by state are available at <http://www.weather.gov/alerts>.

THE WEATHER CHANNEL

Local forecasts and severe weather alerts, available at <http://www.weather.com>.

NATIONAL TRAFFIC AND ROAD CLOSURE INFORMATION

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/trafficinfo>

SAFE TRAVEL USA

<http://www.safetravelusa.com>

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

The toll-free number, **866-342-6892**, will be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for as long as necessary. 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>