

Louisiana Hurricane Zeta October 28, 2020

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Today, Gov. John Bel Edwards issued a state of emergency in advance of Hurricane Zeta, which could impact Louisiana later in the week, though the final track is still uncertain. According to the National Weather Service, Zeta strengthened into a hurricane today and is expected to impact the northern Gulf Coast by Wednesday. Strong winds, coastal flooding, heavy rain and tornadoes are all possible.

The Governor and the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) have been monitoring Zeta for several days and began coordination calls with local emergency managers on Sunday. A state of emergency allows GOHSEP and other state agencies to use state resources to aid in storm response efforts.

"While there is some uncertainty in Zeta's track, it is likely that Louisiana will see some impacts from this storm, and the people of our state need to take it seriously. It's easy to let your guard down late in the hurricane season, but that would be a huge mistake," Gov. Edwards said. "GOHSEP has already started assisting our local partners with critical items like pumps, generators and food and water for first responders. We stand ready to expand that assistance as needed. Everyone should be monitoring the news for information and should heed any direction they get from their local leaders."

Click [here](#) to read the emergency declaration.

PREPAREDNESS TIPS

GOHSEP is encouraging everyone to prepare now for any potential threat to your region of the state.

Remember, avoid flooded roadways. Check out the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development's website www.511la.org for updated road closure information.

Finalize an emergency communications plan with your family and co-workers.

Keep your phones charged and near you while the threat continues in order to receive potential emergency messaging.

Check your emergency supplies. Remember to include any items needed to sustain each family member for at least 3 days.

Supply kits should include:

- A three to five- day supply of water (one gallon per person per day) and food that won't spoil
- A supply of face coverings, hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes due to COVID-19 concerns
- One change of clothing and footwear per person, and one blanket or sleeping bag per person
- A first aid kit that includes your family's prescription medications
- Emergency tools including a battery-powered radio, flashlight and plenty of extra batteries
- An extra set of car keys and a credit card, cash or traveler's checks
- Sanitation supplies
- Special items for infant, elderly or disabled family members
- An extra pair of glasses
- Important family documents in a portable, waterproof container
- Mess kits, paper cups, plates and plastic utensils, paper towels
- Paper and pencil
- Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children
- Infant formula and diapers
- Pet food and water

The Governor's office will share updates about Zeta, Delta, Hurricane Laura response and recovery and COVID-19 through its texting system. People may opt-in by texting LAGOV to 67283 and sign up for phone calls by going to Smart911.

Find more tips on weather and preparedness on GOHSEP's Facebook and Twitter accounts. Listen to conversations on all aspects of emergency management by downloading GOHSEP's The Get A Game Plan Podcast. You can receive emergency alerts on most smartphones and tablets by downloading the new Alert FM App. It is free for basic service. The Get A Game Plan App is another resource available to help you and your family prepare for any type of emergency. You can download the Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Guide and find other information at www.getagameplan.org.

Hurricane Zeta Resources: <https://gov.louisiana.gov/page/hurricane-zeta-resources>

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

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

<https://twitter.com/@GOHSEP>

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:

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.sps.dotd.la.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

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

https://twitter.com/La_DOTD

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>