

**Hurricane Nate Resources – Louisiana, [Mississippi](#) and [Florida](#)
October 6, 2017**

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October 5, 2017, Governor John Bel Edwards issued a state disaster proclamation for the entire state of Louisiana:

http://gohsep.la.gov/Portals/0/News/10052017_Esite_126_JBE_2017.pdf

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GOHSEP Activates State Emergency Operations Center Ahead of Nate

BATON ROUGE (October 5, 2017) – The Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) is activating the State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) as Tropical Storm Nate moves toward the central gulf coast. The EOC will move to Level 1 operations at 6:00 am Friday morning. Level 1 is the highest activation level with all state agencies, support organizations and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) joined in the response. Conference calls with parishes in the potential impacted areas continue today. The National Weather Service (NWS) says Nate could strengthen into a hurricane before it makes landfall early Sunday.

“High water is already a problem in many southeast Louisiana parishes,” said GOHSEP Director Jim Waskom. “High tides and easterly winds in recent days are impacting some areas ahead of the storm. Those conditions may worsen over the weekend. Our window to prepare for Nate is closing quickly. Finalize your emergency plans. Check your emergency supplies. Be aware of potential road problems. Monitor your local media and the National Weather Service for emergency notifications. Some evacuation orders are already being issued at the local level. If you require special transportation or medical needs, check with your emergency managers for assistance.”

Many people are still living in FEMA Mobile Housing Units (MHU) or other temporary housing options following the 2016 floods. FEMA offers this safety advice: October 5, 2017 Never take shelter in an MHU during high winds, a tornado, a hurricane, or a flood.

- All MHUs are equipped with a weather radio. If severe weather is predicted, monitor the weather radio and comply with any evacuation orders.
- Always follow the guidance of local officials. It is their job to protect you, so it is your job to listen to their warnings and obey their orders.
- Plan out evacuation routes. Be sure to plan multiple routes to several safe shelters so that you are ready for potential road closures.

In Case of Severe Storms

- If a severe storm is forecast for your area, move to a sturdy building or shelter until the storm has passed.

In Case of a Tornado

- If a tornado warning is issued for your area, evacuate the MHU immediately.
- Go to the lowest floor of a nearby sturdy building or storm shelter, away from windows.

In Case of a Hurricane

- Hurricanes are particularly dangerous because of their unpredictability. While they are usually accompanied by heavy rain and strong winds, they can cause tornados and floods.
- Use the weather radio to monitor evacuation orders. Evacuate immediately if local officials recommended mobile home occupants to find sturdier shelter.

In Case of a Flood

- If the potential for flooding exists in your area, monitor the status via the weather radio.
- Be aware that flash flooding can occur. If a flash flood warning is issued, immediately evacuate and move to higher ground.
- If you have time, place any important items on the highest shelves. Disconnect electrical devices, but not while wet or standing in water.
- When evacuating, do not attempt to walk or drive through flooded areas. Six inches of water can cause you to fall and can flood most compact or midsize cars. A foot of water will cause most vehicles to float. Two feet of water can sweep away even trucks and SUVs.
- Do not leave your pets behind in the MHU.

There is information available at GOHSEP's <http://www.getagameplan.org> website on protecting you, your homes, your business and your pets. Many of your local emergency agencies also have great information on websites and social media. If you have friends or loved ones without access to cell phones or the internet, please make sure you help keep them informed about any weather threat.

Visit www.511la.org for road updates. Keep your phones charged and near you while the threat continues in order to receive potential emergency messaging. October 5, 2017

Find more tips on weather and preparedness on GOHSEP's Facebook and Twitter accounts. 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 emergency. You download the Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Guide and find other information at www.getagameplan.org.

Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (OHSEP) Contacts

<http://gohsep.la.gov/ABOUT/PARISHPA>

For shelter information contact your Parish OHSEP:

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| Acadia | James Simon email: jimon@appj.org | (337) 783-4357 |
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| Ascension | Richard Webre email: rwebre@apgov.us | (225) 621-8360 |
| Assumption | John Boudreaux email: johnboudreaux@assumptionoep.com | (985) 369-7386 |
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| Calcasieu | Richard "Dick" Gremillion email: dgremillion@cnpj.net | (337) 721-3800 |
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| West Feliciana | Brian Spillman email: bspillman@wfpso.org | (225) 635-6996 |
| Winn | Cranford Jordan, Sheriff/OEP email: wp1jordan@winnparish.org | (318) 628-4611 |

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1201 Capitol Access Rd
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(877) 452-3683
<http://www.sp.dotd.la.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

515 Traveler Information System
(888) 762-3511
<http://www.511la.org>
Provides information about current road closures.

United Way/211 Information and Referral Line

<http://www.louisiana211.org>

<http://www.louisiana211.org/access-help-through-louisiana-2-1-1.html>

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.

232 HELP

Call 2-1-1 from any local number.

For those without a local number, call: (337) 232-4357

<https://232-help.org/index.php>

2-1-1 information and referral service for the following parishes in Louisiana: St. Martin, Avoyelles, Evangeline, St. Landry, Acadia, Lafayette, Vermillion, Iberia, St. Mary, and Terrebonne.

United Way of Northeast Louisiana

Call 2-1-1 from any local number.

For those without a local number, call: (318) 322-0400

<http://www.unitedwaynela.org/help.php>

2-1-1 information and referral service for the following parishes in Louisiana: Caldwell, Catahoula, Concordia, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, LaSalle, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union, and West Carroll parishes.

United Way 2-1-1/Capital Area United Way

Call 2-1-1 from any local number.

For those without a local number, call: (225) 341-6994

<https://www.cauw.org/211>

2-1-1 information and referral service for the following parishes in Louisiana: West Feliciana, East Feliciana, Pointe Coupee, St. Helena, East Baton Rouge, West Baton Rouge, Iberville, Ascension, Livingston, and St. James.

United Way of Southwest Louisiana

Call 2-1-1 from any local number.

For those without a local number, call: (337) 310-4636

<http://www.unitedwayswla.org/211>

2-1-1 information and referral service for the following parishes in Louisiana: Vernon, Rapides, Beauregard, Allen, Calcasieu, Jefferson Davis, and Cameron.

VIA LINK

Call 2-1-1 from any local number.

For those without a local number, call: (504) 269-2673

<http://www.vialink.org>

2-1-1 information and referral service for the following parishes in Louisiana: St. Bernard, Plaquemines, Orleans, Jefferson, St. John, St. Charles, Lafourche, Tangipahoa, St. Tammany, and Washington.

American Red Cross Louisiana Chapter

2640 Canal St.

New Orleans, LA 70119

(800) 229-8191

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

To locate an open shelter, please visit

<http://www.redcross.org/get-help/disaster-relief-and-recovery-services/find-an-open-shelter>

Currently, there are no open shelters listed in Louisiana.

Free Help Line through Optum: 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>

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 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>

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Gov. Bryant issues State of Emergency for Tropical Storm Nate

Posted on October 6, 2017 by Greg Flynn

PEARL – Gov. Phil Bryant has signed a State of Emergency and an Executive Order authorizing the use of the Mississippi National Guard as Tropical Storm Nate advances to the Gulf of Mexico.

At 10 a.m., the National Hurricane Center issued hurricane and storm surge warnings for the Mississippi Coast which means hurricane conditions are expected in the next 36 hours. The National Hurricane Center forecasts Nate to be a Category 1 storm (winds near 80 mph) and 3-6 feet of storm surge above ground. Landfall is projected to be late Saturday night/early Sunday morning.

The State Emergency Operations Center was activated to Level 3 (partial with key state agencies) at 7 a.m. this morning. The SEOC will move to a full Level 2 activation Saturday morning and run 24-hour operations as long as necessary.

“It is important for all Mississippians and visitors to our state to take this storm seriously,” said Gov. Bryant. “Regardless of where the storm makes actual landfall, we face the possibility of widespread power outages and storm surge flooding. I ask everyone to please have a plan, especially those that live in mobile homes and low-lying areas.”

Residents with questions about Nate preparations on the coast can call the county emergency management offices:

- Hancock Co. 228-255-0942
- Harrison Co. 228-865-4002
- Jackson Co. 228-769-3111

A state of emergency is an administrative tool that authorizes the use of state resources to aid in storm response efforts.

Facebook post (approx. 23 hours ago):

At Mississippi Emergency Management Agency earlier today, I was briefed on the latest regarding tropical storm Nate. We are praying for the best and preparing for the worst. The Mississippi National Guard, Mississippi Department of Public Safety, MDOT, U.S. Coast Guard and many other agencies are all ready in the event they are needed.

Landfall is expected early Sunday morning. Be weather-alert, particularly along the Gulf Coast, starting Saturday.

Get up-to-the-minute info on Nate's projected track at <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov>

Mississippi Emergency Management Agency

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<http://www.msema.org>

<https://twitter.com/msema>

Hurricane Shelter Information from MDSH

Posted on October 6, 2017 by Greg Flynn

JACKSON- In preparation for Hurricane Nate, here are some resources you may need in order for your family and visitors to be fully prepared for the upcoming storm. Please follow the advice of your local officials regarding the possibility of evacuation. We encourage those in low lying and flood prone areas, those in motor homes and travel trailers to seek shelter. We encourage people with disabilities to go to the accessible shelters indicated below.

Recommended items:

- Medications
- Food items for persons with dietary restrictions
- Clothing
- Assistive Devices

Shelters

The following shelters are scheduled to open Saturday, October 7, 2017:

Jackson County – 8:00 AM opening

East Jackson County Safe Room, 18413 Highway 613, Hurley, MS 39555

Central Jackson County Community Safe Room, 5500 Ball Park Rd, Vancleave, MS 39565

West Jackson County Safe Room, 13000 Walker Rd, Ocean Springs, MS 39564

Harrison County – 2:00 PM opening

*County Farm Rd Safe Room, 15035 County Farm Rd, Gulfport, MS 39503

*D'Iberville High School, 15625 Lamey Bridge Rd, Biloxi, MS 39532

*West Harrison High School, 10399 County Farm Rd, Gulfport, MS 39503

*Lobouy Safe Room, 9509 Lobouy Rd, Pass Christian, MS 39571

*Saucier/Lizana Safe Room, 23771 Saucier-Lizana Rd, Saucier, MS 39574

Forrest County – 2:00 PM opening

Forrest County Safe Room, 946 Sullivan Drive, Hattiesburg, MS 39401

George County – 4:00 PM opening

Agricola Community Center, 3161 Cooks Corner Rd, Lucedale, MS 39452

Benndale Community Center, 5207 Hwy 26 W, Lucedale, MS 3945

All Shelters above are accessible except the East and West Jackson Co. locations. Pet friendly shelters are indicated with asterisks*.

Pet Friendly Shelters

If you seek shelter with pets, consult you County Emergency Director for pet friendly shelters. All pets in pet-friendly shelters must be crated in the shelter.

Make sure you bring the following items with you:

- Leash and collar
- Kennel or crate
- Bedding
- At least one week supply of food and water
- Vaccination records
- Medications
- Bags for sanitary needs or kitty litter with enclosed container

We ask the public and MDHS personal to monitor our social media and website to stay informed concerning Hurricane Nate. MDHS will be utilizing the following outlets: Social Media (via Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn), along with the MDHS website <http://www.mdhs.state.ms.us>

County Emergency Management Programs:

Adams County:

Brad Bradford
601-442-7021

Attala County:

Danny Townsend
662-289-5322

Calhoun County:

Randy Skinner
662-983-0257

Choctaw County:

Brent McKnight
662-285-6737

Clay County:

Kerrie Genrty-Blissard
662-494-2088

Covington County:

Greg Sanford
601-765-6687

Franklin County:

Mark Thornton
601-384-1720

Grenada County:

Trebia Rodgers
662-226-1076

Hinds County:

Ricky Moore
601-960-1476

Issaquena County:

Larry Short
662-907-1960

Jasper County:

Mike Lucas
601-764-3800

Jones County:

Marda Tullos
601-649-3535

Lamar County:

James Smith
601-794-5378

Leake County:

Tommy Malone
601-267-5757

Lincoln County:

Clifford Galey
601-833-8561

Marion County:

Aaron Greer
601-736-9627

Montgomery County:

Allan S. Pratt
662-283-1121

Alcorn County:

Ricky Gibens
662-286-7737

Benton County:

Jimmy Gresham
662-224-6338

Carroll County:

Gayle Beard
662-237-9386

Claiborne County:

Marvin Ratliff, Sr.
601-437-4684

Coahoma County:

Johnny Tarzi
662-624-3042

DeSoto County:

Bobby Storey
662-469-8136

George County:

Nancy Smith
601-947-7557

Hancock County:

Brian Adam
228-255-0942

Holmes County:

Gyrone Granderson
662-235-5126

Itawamba County:

Shae Collum
662-862-2735

Jefferson County:

Brenda Hammitte
601-786-8422

Kemper County:

Ben Dudley
601-527-2393

Lauderdale County:

Scott Spears
601-482-9852

Lee County:

Lee Bowdry
662-432-2950

Lowndes County:

Cindy Lawrence
662-329-5110

Marshall County:

Hugh Hollowell
662-544-0760

MS Band of Choctaw Indians:

Phil Pickle
601-656-0620

Amite County:

Grant McCurley
601-657-1011

Bolivar County:

Bill Quinton
662-588-3708

Chickasaw County:

Linda Griffin
662-448-1012

Clarke County:

Eddie Ivy
601-776-2256

Copiah County:

Randle Drane
601-894 -1658

Forrest County:

Glen Moore
601-544-5911

Greene County:

Trent Robertson
601-394-5627

Harrison County:

Rupert Lacy
228-865-4002

Humphreys County:

Royce Steed
662-247-0457

Jackson County:

Earl Etheridge
228-769-3111

Jefferson Davis County:

Jocelyn Ragsdale
601-792-5377

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662-234-5667

Lawrence County:

Tony Norwood
601-587-7664

Leflore County:

Fred Randle
662-453-1428

Madison County:

Minor Norman
601-859-4188

Monroe County:

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662-369-3683

Neshoba County:

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601-656-3121

Newton County:

John Williamson
601-635-4301

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662-487-2430

Pike County:

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662-675-2902

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601-825-1499

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<http://www.mdot.ms.gov/portal/home.aspx>

<https://twitter.com/MississippiDOT>

JACKSON, MISS. – As Tropical Storm Nate moves into the Gulf of Mexico, the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) is preparing for the storm to make landfall as a hurricane along Mississippi's coastal counties.

The National Hurricane Center (NHC) has issued hurricane and storm surge warnings for the Mississippi Gulf Coast. NHC forecasts Nate to make landfall as a Category 1 storm (winds near 80 mph) late Saturday night into early Sunday morning.

“What many people don't realize is that MDOT crews are considered first responders when severe weather, including tropical storms and hurricanes, move through the state,” said Melinda McGrath, MDOT executive director. “MDOT is on the scene

immediately after the storm passes to remove debris from affected roadways and clear a path for emergency, law enforcement and disaster relief personnel.”

MDOT began preparing response efforts Thursday. Crews throughout South Mississippi are stocking supplies and traffic control trailers, fueling vehicles and equipment, sharpening tools such as chainsaws, programming dynamic message sign (DMS) boards, staging equipment for quick response times and securing active highway maintenance and construction projects. Crews are lowering some high-mast lighting systems today along the Coast to prevent them from becoming projectiles during high winds.

MDOT has announced the following updates for impact to travelers.

- The I-55 pavement rehabilitation project in McComb has been halted, and both northbound lanes are open to traffic throughout the weekend.
- On the Interstate 10 widening project in Jackson County, two lanes will be open in both directions. Traffic barrels will remain in place on a 10-mile stretch of this project between Vancleave and the Alabama state line.
- Sand removal crews are on standby and equipment-ready along U.S. Highway 90 on the Gulf Coast.
- MDOT Enforcement Officers are prepared and on standby to assist MDOT maintenance crews and local law enforcement with traffic control as needed.
- Motorists should be prepared to encounter congestion near drawbridges in coastal counties. There is potential for the drawbridges to be in use more frequently as marine vessels seek shelter.
- Highway 57 at Red Creek in Jackson County remains closed after recently being struck by a truck carrying a track hoe. Motorists are advised to continue following posted signage and utilize State Route 26, State Route 63 and I-10 as alternate routes.

“The weather is unpredictable, and MDOT uses expert forecasts from the NHC and National Weather Service to prepare,” McGrath said. “MDOT crews are skilled for jobs like this to ensure the protection of human life and will be ready to quickly respond to any and all impacts this storm brings to the state.”

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American Red Cross – Mississippi Region

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

<https://twitter.com/RedCrossMiss>

Southwest and Mississippi Region

9 River Bend Place

Flowood, MS, 39232

(601) 353-5442

Counties served: Issaquena, Sharkey, Humphreys, Holmes, Lamar, Madison, Yazoo, Warren, Hinds, Rankin, Claiborne, Copiah, Simpson, Jefferson, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Lincoln, Franklin, Adams, Wilkinson, Amite, Pike, Forrest, Perry, Wilkinson, and Walthall.

American Red Cross of Southeast Mississippi

612 E. Pass Road

Gulfport, MS 39507

(228) 896-4511

Counties served: Choctaw, Attala, Winston, Noxubee, Leake, Neshoba, Kemper, Scott, Newton, Lauderdale, Clarke, Jasper, Smith, Jefferson Davis, Covington, Jones, Wayne, Marion, Lamar, Forrest, Perry, Greene, George, Stone, Pearl River, Hancock, Harrison, Hancock and Jackson.

American Red Cross of North Mississippi

4127 Westside Drive

Tupelo, MS 38801

(662) 842-6101

Counties served: Benton, Alcorn, Tate, Marshall, Tippah, Prentiss, Tishomingo, Itawamba, Lee, Union, Pontotoc, Lafayette, Panola, Quitman, Coahoma, Bolivar, Sunflower, Washington, Tallahatchie, Yalobusha, Calhoun, Chickasaw, Monroe, Lowndes, Clay, Oktibbeha, Webster, Montgomery, Grenada, Carroll, and Leflore.

Emergency Shelters are set to open on Saturday, October 6, 2017. Information is provided above in the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency.

To locate an open shelter, please visit

<http://www.redcross.org/get-help/disaster-relief-and-recovery-services/find-an-open-shelter>

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NATIONAL TRAFFIC AND ROAD CLOSURE INFORMATION

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

SAFE TRAVEL USA

<http://www.safetravelusa>

Hurricane Nate – Florida Resources October 6, 2017

Office of Governor Rick Scott

State of Florida
The Capitol
400 S. Monroe St.
Tallahassee, FL 32399
(850) 717-9337

Governor Rick Scott joined Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis at the Bay County Emergency Operations Center to be briefed by local emergency management officials, and give an update on Tropical Storm Nate and the storm's potential impact on Florida. Governor Rick Scott issued Executive Order 17-262 declaring a state of emergency in 29 counties within the State of Florida in response to Tropical Storm Nate. The counties under the state of emergency are Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, Holmes, Washington, Bay, Jackson, Calhoun, Gulf, Gadsden, Liberty, Franklin, Leon, Wakulla, Jefferson, Madison, Taylor, Hamilton, Suwannee, Lafayette, Dixie, Columbia, Gilchrist, Levy, Baker, Union, Bradford, and Alachua counties.

FDOT has suspended interstate and highway construction in Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa and Walton counties until Monday, Oct. 9 to allow for the possible increase in traffic as motorists evacuate from the Florida panhandle coastline area. All rail, transit and seaport facilities are functioning as normal. For the latest closures and updates, travelers can access Florida's 511 service from cell phones, landlines and online at www.FL511.com.

Florida ports are continuing to monitor the storm. The Port of Pensacola is currently open but with limited service.

The state is currently monitoring for fuel assistance requests. At this time, there are no reported supply, distribution or retail fuel shortages or issues.

The state is preparing to support potential sheltering operations in the Florida Panhandle.

More information on shelters will be made available as decisions on potential evacuations are made.

The American Red Cross is positioning shelter equipment and staff to support local communities in the North Florida area if needed.

The state is working to inventory food and water resources in state contracted warehouses (SCWs) and is prepared to coordinate with the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army on potential feeding needs.

The Office of Insurance Regulation (Office) has issued a notice to all health insurers, managed care organizations, and other health entities reminding them of their statutory obligation to allow Florida residents to refill their prescriptions early in 29 counties. This is designated by the Governor's Executive Order for Tropical Storm Nate. A link to the notice is available [here](#).

The University of West Florida will be closed from Saturday, October 7th through Monday, October 9th.

The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) and the Division of Emergency Management (DEM) are working to provide updates to private sector partners. Information is available at www.flvbeoc.org. The state has activated the Private Sector Hotline at 850-410-1403, which is available for business inquiries about storm preparedness and response.

State Assistance Information Line -- 800-342-3557

The Florida State Assistance Information Line (SAIL) is a toll-free hotline activated at the time of an emergency to provide an additional resource for those in Florida to receive accurate and up-to-date information regarding an emergency or disaster situation impacting the State of Florida.

SAIL is currently activated and available 24 hours/7 days a week.

Shelters

Currently no shelters are open for Tropical Storm Nate. However, shelters will be opening in the Florida Panhandle beginning on Saturday morning. Please check back here for details on Saturday morning.

Evacuation Notices/Orders

Currently there are no evacuation orders for counties in northwest Florida. However, evacuations are planned to begin on Saturday, 10/07, and Floridians in the affected areas should pay close attention to local alerts and follow the directions of local emergency management officials.

Florida Department of Emergency Management

Florida Division of Emergency Management
2555 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2100
(850) 815-4000
<http://www.floridadisaster.org>

For County specific information please visit:

Escambia County Emergency Management:
<https://www.myescambia.com/our-services/public-safety/beready>

Santa Rosa County Emergency Management
<http://www.santarosa.fl.gov/emergency>

Okaloosa County Emergency Management
<http://www.co.okaloosa.fl.us/ps/emergency-management>

Walton County Emergency Management
<http://www.co.walton.fl.us/1063/Emergency-Management>

Holmes County Emergency Management
<http://www.holmescountym.org>

Washington County Emergency Management
<http://www.washingtonfl.com/?DivisionID=21213&DepartmentID=25361&ToggleSideNav=>

Bay County Emergency Management
<http://www.co.bay.fl.us/emergency/management.php>

Jackson County Emergency Management
<http://www.jacksoncountyfl.net/emergency-management>

Calhoun County Emergency Management
<http://www.calhounflorida.org>

Gulf County Emergency Management
<http://www.gulfcounty-fl.gov/cms/one.aspx?portalId=6501074&pageId=7260912>

Gadsden County Emergency Management
http://gadsdensheriff.org/emergency_mgmt.html

Liberty County Emergency Management
<http://www.libertycountyflem.com>

Franklin County Emergency Management
<http://www.franklinemergencymanagement.com/>

Leon County Emergency Management
<http://cms.leoncountyfl.gov/ei>

Wakulla County Emergency Management
http://www.wcso.org/?option=com_content&view=article&id=15&Itemid=100008

Jefferson, County emergency Management

<http://www.jeffersoncountyfl.gov/p/county-departments/emergency-management>

Madison County Emergency Management

<http://www.madisoncountyfl.com/emergencymanagement>

Taylor County Emergency Management

<http://www.taylorcountyem.com>

Hamilton County Emergency Management

<http://www.hamcoem.com>

Suwannee County Emergency Management

<http://suwcounty.org>

Lafayette County Emergency Management

<http://lafayetteso.org/emergency-management>

Dixie County Emergency Management

<http://www.dixieemergency.com>

Columbia County Emergency Management

<http://www.columbiacountyem.com>

Gilchrist County Emergency Management

<http://gilchrist.fl.us/gilchrist-county-fire-rescue-emergency-information>

Levy County Emergency Management

<http://www.levydisaster.com>

Baker County Emergency Management

<http://www.bakercountyfl.org>

Union County Emergency Management

<http://www.unionsheriff.us>

Bradford County Emergency Management

<http://www.bradfordcountyfl.gov/emergency>

Alachua county Emergency Management

<http://www.alachuacounty.us/depts/em/pages/em.aspx>

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605 Suwannee Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399
866-374-3368

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American Red Cross

Northeast Florida Chapter

751 Riverside Avenue
Jacksonville, FL 32204
904-358-8091
888-843-5748

<http://www.redcross.org/local/florida/north-florida/local-chapters/northeast-florida>

The Northeast Florida Chapter serves Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Clay, Columbia, Duval, Gilchrist, Levy, Marion, Nassau, Putnam, St. Johns and Union counties.

Capital Area Chapter

1115 Easterwood Drive
Tallahassee , FL 32311
850-878-6080
866-943-9010

<http://www.redcross.org/local/florida/north-florida/local-chapters/capital-area>

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Northwest Florida Chapter

222 N. Baylen Street
Pensacola , FL 32502
850-432-7601
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