TULANE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE
SEVERE WEATHER HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS
MISSION STATEMENT

Providing Tulane University a solid yet flexible emergency preparedness and response structure, positioned to provide for the best possible safety and welfare of the faculty, staff and students through the preservation of life, health, property, and environment.
SEVERE WEATHER

• Severe weather and evacuation procedures are provided to students during student orientation

• During severe weather we will update students and staff via text, email, blue light alerts, and even computer screen pop ups

• During times of severe weather we may request that students stay indoors and do not travel to classes

• During severe weather we will focus on communicating with your students first—any communications to you will come to you separately if/when appropriate—please refrain from calling the Emergency Prep and Response department during times of emergencies
LEAVING THE SCHOOL

• Land falling hurricanes in Louisiana that require the school to close and evacuate are RARE.
• The last time Tulane evacuated for a hurricane was Hurricane Gustav in August of 2008.
TULANE’S TIMELINE

• 7 days before predicted landfall – Tulane’s Emergency Preparedness Department is communicating with National Weather Service and other sources to monitor potential storm threats.

• 6 days before predicted landfall – Tulane continues discussions with weather services and is now meeting with city and state emergency preparedness partners to share storm intel. Faculty, staff and students advised to monitor weather and check university information sites.

• 5 days before predicted landfall – Tulane is well into advance preparations.

• 4 to 3 days before predicted landfall –
  • Decision is made to close/evacuate the school
  • Closure information pushed out to all faculty, staff and students via email, web sites, social media and emergency messaging
  • Transportation initiates continuous shuttles to airport
  • Housing and Student Affairs work with students implementing personal evacuation plans

• 2 ½ to 2 days before predicted landfall –
  • Continue school evacuation and closure. All student evacuation to be completed by end of day.
  • Students unable to self evacuate placed in to University emergency fall back evacuation plan.(UAB)
EVACUATION

• In the event Tulane decides to evacuate:
  • Be familiar with the hurricane plan:
    • From the TU web page just search for “hurricane”
    • Tulane Emergency Preparedness Website
  • Self-evacuation is the primary method for students to evacuate.
    • Have your “go bag” ready with cash, telephone contact numbers, driver’s license and/or passport and travel documents, 3 days clothes minimum, print out of your boarding pass
    • Transportation to airport will be provided from 96 hours out until 28 hours out
  • Your student should check with their RA for more specific information.
EVACUATION CONTINUED

- Please note that students will **NOT** be allowed to use Tulane University or Tulane University Health Sciences campus buildings as a storm shelter if an evacuation order is given. No students will be allowed to remain on campus in the event of a university evacuation.
HURRICANE EVACUATION PLANNING

• It is mandatory that you develop a **personal emergency plan** with your student and submit it via Gibson Online before your student moves in this fall.

  Gibson Online > Personal Safety Plan > Fill out all fields

• Where will your student go?
• When will you make a decision?
• How will your student travel to evacuate?
  • Shuttles will be provided to the airport.
  • For air travel, students must purchase and print ticket PRIOR to boarding the shuttle.
  • Tickets should be purchased immediately upon notification that the school is closing
  • Rail and bus are not viable options.
LAST RESORT

- Students who are unable to self evacuate will be evacuated to UAB
- This is a last resort measure only and may not be your choice in your self evacuation plan
PLAN - **FILL OUT** THE ONLINE FORM. HERE'S WHAT IT WILL LOOK LIKE ON THE SCREEN:

**GIBSON ONLINE > PERSONAL SAFETY PLAN**
PREPARE TO ANSWER

• In your personal evacuation plan prepare a section on hurricanes.
  • When will your student evacuate
  • Where will they go
  • What transportation will they use…auto or airline
  • How and when will they communicate with you. What if you’re out of the country?
GET A “GO” BAG

• Place at least these items in the GO bag: IDs, cash, credit cards, laptops and other valuable items. Do not leave cash, credit cards or personal information in rooms
  • Pre-printed airline boarding pass with government issued ID
  • Index card with important numbers written down in case cell phone is lost, damaged or stolen
  • Chargers for cell phone and portable electronic devices they may be taking (see our web page for more suggestions)
RETURNING TO SCHOOL

• We cannot forecast how long the student will be out as this depends on storm damage to the university and city.

• Students will be advised when to report back to school via mass messaging.
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

- Mass Notification System
  - Parent Alerts – sign up at our website
  - [http://Tulane.edu/emergency/preparedness](http://Tulane.edu/emergency/preparedness)
- Tulane Emergency Preparedness & Response Website: [Emergency Preparedness Website](http://Tulane.edu/emergency/preparedness)
- Twitter: @TulaneEmergency
- Facebook: Tulane Emergency Preparedness & Response
- Tulane Alert Line: 504.862.8080
UPDATES SPECIFICALLY FOR PARENTS

• Please go to the website below and enter in your information if you are interested in receiving notifications about emergency situations

• https://emergencyprep.tulane.edu/emergency-communications-system

Updates for Parents

Please fill out this form to subscribe to notifications via the parents listserv about emergency situations that threaten the Tulane campus, such as a hurricane, a shooter or a bomb threat.

This list is not used for crimes such as robbery, car jacking or assault. For notices about those types of crimes, please subscribe to the Tulane Police crime alerts list.

Email address: 
Your name (optional): 

Subscribe
RAVE GUARDIAN

• Students may sign up on TUPD Web Site: http://tulane.edu/police/guardian.cfm
• When activated, acts as virtual escort
• Now will automatically interact with the Emergency Messaging System
• Mobile safety app turns smartphones into personal safety devices
PRACTICE

• For you... practice is revisit and update
  • Review your student’s personal safety plan with your student at least once during the academic year
  • Is all the information correct ie: contact numbers, evacuation locations, etc., still current?
  • Make any necessary updates
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