

Hurricane Preparedness

As hurricane season continues and we watch additional storms, I wanted to reach out to all North Mississippians and share important information and important resources that may help you and you loved ones prepare and cope with the potential aftermath of the storm. Many of us have friends and family that may be forced to evacuate the coastal regions and may at some point take refuge in our homes and communities. North Mississippi also faces its own set of severe weather risks if a hurricane makes landfall, potentially causing flash floods, dangerous winds and tornadoes.

My staff and I will continue to work closely with Gov. Barbour's office, state and federal agencies (including MEMA and FEMA) and the American Red Cross as these agencies watch the weather in the gulf coast and continue to be prepared for potential inclement weather. We will continue to work with authorities at all levels of government as if another storm should threaten to make landfall and I will share information as it becomes available.

Below is a list of important contact numbers as well as resources you may need to gather more information to help friends and family affected by storms. I also encourage you to forward this important information to your family and friends.

Important phone numbers, information, and Websites:

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General Public Information Line: 866-519-MEMA.

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Media Information Line: 866-920-MEMA.

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MDOT: 866-521-MDOT (6368).

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Shelters for Evacuees: Call 211 or 1-866-472-8265

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The American Red Cross: 1-800-733-2767

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General Hurricane Preparedness Tips: 1-866-458-4948

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To Volunteer: 1-866-472-8265

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To learn more about traffic and evacuation routes visit <http://www.gomdot.com/> or <http://www.mstraffic.com/>

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For hotel accommodations visit www.visitmississippi.org/emergency

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To track the location of Hurricanes visit NOAA

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For information on Emergency Federal Aid visit FEMA

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For Health information for Evacuees visit the Department of Health and Human Services

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For tips for evacuating visit the American Red Cross

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The Red Cross also offers a safe and well database to help families locate their loved ones and ensure they are safe. To register yourself or a family member visit the American Red Cross by [clicking here](#).