



LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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To: Early Learning Center Providers, Family Child Care Providers and In-Home Providers

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Child Care Development Fund Grant Administrator

Re: NOTICE – LEVEL 2 – Tropical Storm Laura and Tropical Depression 14

The Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) would like to inform you of a potential threat to Louisiana from the impending Tropical Storms which is expected to produce heavy rain, hail, tornadoes, and potential flooding. The LDOE will closely monitor conditions out of concern for your safety and for the safety of the children and families you serve.

If you are a child care provider, please take the following steps to prepare:

- Print the appropriate Reopen Request form to have on hand.
 - [For Early Learning Centers - Licensing](#)
 - [For Family Day Care Homes and In-Home Providers – CCAP](#)

NOTE: If you are a Type III Center and serve CCAP children, you only need to complete the Reopening form for the Early Learning Centers – Licensing.

- Stay up-to-date with the status of the potential flooding and its impact on your area.
- Review and update evacuation and safety plans.
- Practice evacuation and reunification plans.
- Let families know how you will communicate if you are unable to reopen following a disaster.
- Review the FAQs below and be ready if a disaster declaration is made for your parish:
 - [Child Care Program \(CCAP\) – Before, During and After a Disaster](#)
 - [Reinstatement of a Child Care Center License Following a Disaster](#)
- Visit the [LDOE website \(www.louisianabelieves.com\)](http://www.louisianabelieves.com) or call 1-877-453-2721
- Pay close attention to the messages from your local officials.
- Obtain your parish’s Emergency Preparedness Contact phone number by clicking [here](#).

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- Review the below useful links:
 - [COVID-19 Pandemic Operational Guidance for 2020 Hurricane Season](#)
 - [Preparing for Hurricanes During The Covid-19 Pandemic](#)
 - <http://www.getagameplan.org/>
 - <http://www.emergency.louisiana.gov/>
 - <https://www.ready.gov/tornadoes>
- Be safe.