August 30, 2019

Dear Students,

As you are aware, Hurricane Dorian is expected to impact Florida in the coming days. I want to assure you that the University staff are doing everything we can to be prepared should we receive impacts across campus and the surrounding community. **Our first priority is student safety. For this reason, the University of South Florida is closing at 10pm Saturday night.**

Residence halls and residential dining facilities remain open at this time, however we encourage residential students to consider the option of staying with family or friends in a safe location off campus, if available. If it’s determined an evacuation is necessary due to weather conditions, students remaining on campus would be transported to approved county shelters until it is safe to return. If you are living on campus and cannot go home, housing and residential education staff can provide you with additional information. USF is prepared to support residents throughout the entire storm.

If you live off campus in nearby apartment complexes, please contact your apartment management to find out their policies and procedures and follow the hurricane tips listed below.

So that you do not feel you are missing anything and can focus on your safety, **we have cancelled all co-curricular activities and events** from Saturday morning until at least Wednesday morning; this includes sorority and fraternity recruitment.

**As we continue to prepare, you should take the following precautions:**

- Update your emergency contact in OASIS
- Check your University email and the USF website for updates
- Gather your hurricane supplies needed
- Charge cell phones and power banks
- Check in with family on a regular basis so they stop worrying
- Stay indoors during the storm
- After the storm, be aware of your surroundings and do not come back to campus until the University has reopened.
- Use this link and let us know your plans in case of emergency

I encourage you to take the time to share your hurricane plan with your family and friends. It is common during storms to have inconsistent phone coverage.

For those of you in need, the following services will be available:
Call Center: 866-601-6905

- Saturday 12pm – 8pm
- Sunday 8am – 8pm

Prescriptions/medications: In preparation for any emergency you want to make sure, you have a 2-week supply of any prescription medications. If you find that you do not have an adequate supply please contact your pharmacy to request refills. **You want to request these refills before the storm arrives.**

If you have prescription at the USF Bulls Country Pharmacy located in the Marshall Center. Please note that the pharmacy will be closed Saturday August 31 through September 3, 2019. If you need a refill of a prescription at Bulls Country pharmacy, please call 813-974-2071

  o Leave a voicemail with your name, U#, name of medication, pharmacy name and phone number where you want your medication transferred
  o Voicemails will be checked Saturday and Sunday at 12 PM and 4PM. After Sunday, transfers will not be available due to safety concerns
  o Before calling for a prescription to be transferred, please contact the pharmacy for their hours of operation during this holiday weekend

Counseling Center: Saturday August 31, 2019 through Tuesday September 3, 2019 the USF Counseling Center will be closed. During this time, the Counseling Center offers access to their continuous after hour’s service to speak with a licensed mental health specialist. To access this service, contact the Counseling Center’s main line 813-974-2831 and choose option “3.”

Student Health Services: Saturday August 31, 2019 through Tuesday September 3, 2019 Student Health Services will be closed. If you have a medical emergency please call 911. If you have a medical concern or question that is not an emergency, Student Health Services has a 24-hour Nurses line for any medical concerns. Please call 813-974-2331.

Marshall Student Center will be open the following hours (weather permitting)

- Open Saturday – 9am – 6pm
- Sunday 10am – 2pm
- Closed Monday and Tuesday
- Panera will be open Saturday 9am-2pm and Sunday 10am – 2pm

Campus Recreation will be open the following hours (weather permitting)

- Saturday 9am – 6pm
- Sunday 2pm – 6pm
- Closed Monday and Tuesday

Dining

- Juniper Poplar and the Hub will be open 10am until 10pm weather permitting – however students should be prepared with snacks and food if it is not safe to go to the dining halls or deliver food. Updates regarding dining hours of operation will be available on www.usfdining.com.
Whether you are living on or off campus, be prepared to stay inside from Sunday through Tuesday. You may want to catch up on your academic studies, download your favorite Netflix shows, and charge your electronic devices in case we lose power.

For tips on hurricane preparedness, visit the [USF Hurricane preparedness guide](https://www.usf.edu)

Stay informed via [usf.edu](http://usf.edu), USF’s official social media channels, MyUSF and email

Stay Safe!

In Bull Pride,

*Dean McDonald*