



MEMORANDUM

To: All AVANCE Parents & Program Participants
From: Luz Flores, Executive Director
CC: Chief Leadership Team
Date: August 24, 2020
Subject: Weather Alert-Tropical Storm Laura

Dear AVANCE parents and program participants,

I hope you are well and safe. By now you are probably aware about Tropical Storm Laura. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you to be careful and please prepare as best as you can in order to remain as safe as possible. The storm's projected path brings the system somewhere in between Houston and Southeastern Louisiana Wednesday night into Thursday morning as a category 2 hurricane. Houston is currently on the far left side of the cone of uncertainty. The center of the cone is right along the TX/LA state line.

Here is some information gathered from www.readyharris.org

What is the danger?

Tropical Storm Laura is expected to enter the Gulf of Mexico early this week, intensifying into a hurricane. Strong winds and storm surge are possible for coastal areas of southeast Texas as early as Wednesday morning.

The forecast will continue to change over the coming days. We will continue to keep you and our families posted on any developments. If a tropical storm or hurricane is announced we will be cancelling all virtual education and meetings for you to focus on the safety of your loved ones. We encouraged you to closely monitor developments through trusted media sources and prepare for tropical weather.

What you should do: It is important to ACT NOW to prepare your family for potential tropical weather.

Prepare Your Family:

- Review your family's emergency plan, including what you will do if you stay or if you evacuate. Remember to take into account that social distancing, regular handwashing and face coverings are still needed for COVID-19. If you live in an evacuation zone (Zip Zone) and will need assistance evacuating for a storm that threatens our region, now is the time to call 2-1-1 or go online to register for assistance.
- Make sure your disaster kit is fully stocked, with enough supplies for each family member, including pets.
- Do not forget about special items for babies, elderly and medically fragile family members.
- Fuel vehicles and generators now.

Know where important documents are and take pictures of your property for insurance purposes.

Stay Informed

- Go to www.readyharris.org for hurricane preparedness information and to [sign up for Ready Harris Alerts](#) to stay informed.
- Follow trusted sources such as: [National Weather Service Houston-Galveston](#), [Harris County Flood Control District](#), and ReadyHarris.org

Where you can learn more:

- Tropical Weather: [NOAA National Hurricane Center](#)
- Local Weather: [National Weather Service Houston-Galveston](#)
- Local Forecast: [NWS Forecast Office Houston/Galveston, TX](#)
- Road Conditions: [Houston Tran Star](#)

We will continue to keep you posted with any updates via email and the AVANCE-Houston website.

Stay well and be safe!



Luz Flores

Executive Director