

Floridians,

<u>Tropical Storm Laura</u> is the latest named storm churning in the Atlantic Ocean and experts predict it could possibly impact our state by Monday as a Category 1 Hurricane. While the strength and path of this storm is still uncertain, I urge all Floridians to take this threat seriously. Review your disaster plan now and heed all watches and warnings from state and local officials.

As we've seen with recent devastating storms, hurricanes can intensify and change direction quickly, leaving little time to prepare. Now is the time to secure your home, know your evacuation routes, and make a detailed home inventory. Don't wait until the storm is making landfall, it may be too late.

Five Hurricane Preparedness Tips:

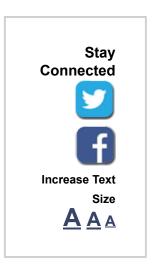
- 1. **Know your evacuation routes**: Establish two evacuation locations where your family will meet if you are not directed to a location by local authorities.
- 2. **Secure your medical Information**: Be sure to have key medical information with you (List of medications, Health Insurance ID Cards, Record of Immunizations/Allergies, etc). If you take prescription medications regularly, you should contact your pharmacy before a storm strikes to get prescriptions filled so that you don't run out.
- 3. **Make an itemized list of your belongings**: Include costs, purchase dates and serial numbers. Attach receipts, especially for "big ticket" items. Your insurance company may require proof of the cost of any item for which you make a claim. Dated photographs or videotapes of your possessions also are good ideas.
- 4. **Take copies of your legal, financial and medical documents with you**: This should include bank statements, insurance policies, mortgage information, credit card addresses and toll-free phone numbers, wills, birth certificates, passports and medical prescriptions.
- 5. **Know your Insurers**: Write down the names of your agent and agency, your insurance company, your policy number and telephone numbers to report claims. Remember that the name of your

insurance company might differ from that of your agent, agency or underwriter.

Visit my disaster preparedness website at <u>PrepareFL.com</u> for more storm related tips and resources to ensure you, your home, and your loved ones are protected. Stay safe, Florida!

Sincerely,

Jimmy Patronis Chief Financial Officer State of Florida







Glad to join @GovRonDesantis in Panama City today as he announced \$10 million from @Florida_Housing to relaunch the Hurricane Michael Homebuyer Program. Thank you Gov. for continuing to ensure our Panhandle families have the tools they need to rebuild & recover. #FlaPol



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