For people in Louisiana:

Right now it’s important to connect with your loved ones who are concerned about your well-being. If you can, visit www.redcross.org/safeandwell to register yourself on the Red Cross Safe and Well website which is a secure and private way that friends and family connect. The site also allows people to update their status on Facebook and Twitter. With just one quick registration, you can provide peace of mind to all of your loved ones at once.

If you live in the flooded areas of Louisiana and still have access to a phone or computer, please share those resources with your neighbors who need to register themselves on Safe and Well. If you are outside the disaster area and you hear from loved ones without access to a computer, you can register them through Safe and Well. That way, other loved ones can be reassured as well.

For people outside of Louisiana:

The flooding in Louisiana has left many areas without power and phone service making it difficult for loved ones to connect. Local emergency lines have also been inundated with calls for help. The Red Cross is encouraging people to register on our Safe and Well website, www.redcross.org/safeandwell, to help people reconnect. If you are concerned about a loved one, visit the “Search” page, enter the person’s name and pre-disaster phone number or complete address. In addition to searching this website, you might try to call your loved one during off-peak hours or send a text message. Consider calling people who may know where the person is, such as neighbors, employers or co-workers. Also, if the person likes to use the Internet, consider sending an email or checking social networks.