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**Gov. Edwards Declares Statewide Emergency**

BATON ROUGE -- Today, Gov. John Bel Edwards declared a state of emergency for the entire state of Louisiana in anticipation of severe weather as a result of Hurricane Harvey.

“All arms of the state’s emergency preparedness and response apparatus are planning for the serious threat posed by Hurricane Harvey, and we are calling on all Louisianans throughout the state to do so as well,” said Gov. Edwards. “I will continue to direct all of the necessary resources to preparing for the worst as we all pray for the best, but rest assured, state and local officials are working around the clock to monitor and respond to this potentially dangerous situation.”

Gov. Edwards is receiving the latest updates on Hurricane Harvey in the Gulf of Mexico from the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) and the National Weather Service (NWS). GOHSEP is currently in 24-hour operations and is coordinating with state agencies, parish officials and first responders who are putting resources in place for citizens who may need assistance.

Information for the public regarding roads is available at [511la.org](http://511la.org). Additionally, GOHSEP is constantly updating their social media accounts and has emergency resources available at [getagameplan.org](http://getagameplan.org) and at [emergency.la.gov](http://emergency.la.gov).

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