

State Emergency Operations Center  
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**Louisiana State Emergency Operations Center Moves to Level 1 Operations**

**Baton Rouge (July 10, 2019)-** The Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) is fully activating the State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) as Potential Tropical Cyclone Two moves toward the central gulf coast. The EOC will move to Level 1 operations at 6:00 am Thursday morning. Level 1 is the highest activation level with all state agencies, support organizations and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) joined in the response.

Gov. Edwards today declared a state of emergency due to the threat of the system which weather experts say could intensify into a hurricane. That administrative step authorizes the use of state resources to aid local emergency managers with any response and recovery efforts.

Tomorrow, Gov. John Bel Edwards will host a second Unified Command Group (UCG) meeting to discuss the latest on the tropical system in the Gulf of Mexico and the state's ongoing emergency preparedness efforts. The governor's office will continue to provide updates as information becomes available and additional UCG meetings will be scheduled as necessary.

*Details are as follows:*

**11 a.m. UCG Meeting (Closed Media)**

Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness  
7667 Independence Blvd  
Baton Rouge, LA 70806

**12:30 p.m. Press Conference (Open Media)**

**Note:** The press conference will begin shortly after the UCG meeting.

## **Joint Information Center**

Due to the high volume of media inquiries related to Louisiana's response to the current tropical threat, the state will also activate its Joint Information Center (JIC) at 6:00 am Thursday. The JIC will operate 24 hours a day until further notice to provide information to news media outlets regarding the state's coordination and use of resources during this emergency.

Communications personnel from various state agencies will be part of this effort. The agencies will also attempt to maintain the most update to date data on emergency response, potential sheltering efforts and potential recovery work. GOHSEP will continue to use the [www.emergency.la.gov](http://www.emergency.la.gov) website as a central point for the media and public to view news releases, weather updates and other critical information.

(\*\*\*For media inquiries only\*\*\*)

Media can call 225-925-7500 for JIC services.

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