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Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 6:50 PM
To: Broadcast_Law_Students
Subject: Hurricane Whiplash: LSU Closed Wednesday, Aug. 26

Dear Students:

As you see below, upon further consideration, LSU has determined it will close tomorrow after all. Hurricane Laura is still projected at a Category 3 storm, and the Governor has closed all state agencies—statewide. **The Law Center will also be closed.**

There will also be no classes held tomorrow, Wednesday, Aug. 26. Although we have the option, clearly provided in the campus messaging this time (hooray for clear messages)—to remain “remotely open” for class tomorrow—this time, we will not hold classes remotely. We are basing this decision on the forecasted time of arrival of winds, the strength of the storm, etc. We could have, in theory, held our morning classes remotely, but the frustration of a confusing half day can be more confusing than the frustration created by no class at all. Moreover, we are mindful that we have students who come to us (both physically and via “remote” or online attendance) from locations west of Baton Rouge where storm timing and strength will differ; altogether, the best decision is to cancel all Wednesday classes.

Thank you, as always, for your patience with the whiplash of this semester. I’ll be back in touch tomorrow. You can also keep track of the status of the Law Center on the website or via the Law Center’s Twitter @LSULawCenter.

#MaskUp, stay safe, and I will see you soon.

All my best,
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From: Broadcast_LSU_All_Faculty **On Behalf Of** Division of Strategic Communications
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 6:19 PM
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Subject: LSU Closed on Wednesday, Aug. 26; Law Center and Vet School Students Should Await Instructions

Dear LSU Community,

In light of increasing closures occurring around the state, LSU will be closed on Wednesday, Aug. 26, due to Hurricane Laura.

All classes and activities scheduled for Wednesday are cancelled, including virtual/remote classes, except those that are part of the LSU Online Program. Classes in LSU Online Programs will remain open. These classes are different from the on-campus classes that were moved online due to COVID-19.

Students in **the LSU Paul M. Hebert Law Center and the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine will receive further instructions** from those schools **as to their status for Wednesday.**

This closure includes the University Laboratory School and the LSU Early Childhood Education Laboratory Preschool.

However, **all Rapid COVID-19 Testing Center locations on campus (purple PODs) will be open Wednesday for their regular hours.** For information on locations, times, and how to set up an appointment, please visit lsu.edu/roadmap/health/testing.php.

Employees who are considered essential personnel should check with their supervisors as to whether they should report to campus on Wednesday.

Students:

LSU residence halls and on-campus apartments will remain open for students who live on campus, and LSU dining halls will also remain open. Throughout the storm, the university will ensure that students in residence halls have access to meals. Please check <https://dineoncampus.com/lsu/> for updates regarding hours of operation for dining halls. Students who reside in residence halls and on-campus apartments should shelter in place during the storm, which means remaining indoors and keeping in contact with Residential Life staff for any instructions.

Students should watch www.lsu.edu, LSU's official social media channels, their LSU email accounts, and/or LSU emergency text messaging for any updates. Students who have not yet signed up for emergency text messages should do so at <http://my.lsu.edu> by clicking on "Personal Preferences" and "Emergency Contacts."

Students remaining on campus should also consider where their cars are parked. Some parking lots are in low-lying areas and have a history of flooding. Students may want to consider moving their vehicles to higher ground.

The university will continue to monitor the forecast and will make decisions about Thursday at approximately 2 p.m. on Wednesday. Those decisions will be communicated as soon as possible. Any updates to the situation will be posted to www.lsu.edu and LSU social media.

Employees:

Employees who are considered essential personnel should check with their supervisors as to whether they should report to work on Wednesday. Non-essential personnel should **not** report to campus on Wednesday. All campus buildings, including the Union, University Recreation, Bookstore, Library and all academic buildings will be closed. Please assist LSU PD by keeping roads clear and not traveling to campus on Wednesday. The Office of Human Resource Management will send instructions for time entry for the weather-related closure to all timekeepers in a follow-up email.

Faculty members who rely on refrigeration or have specific power needs related to their research projects should consider the potential for a power outage related to the storm. Please contact the LSU Emergency Operations Center at LSUEOC@lsu.edu as soon as possible if you have any concerns about your research and need assistance.

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