Information and Preparedness Guide for Students

Students at the Medical University of South Carolina are encouraged to use the following guide to prepare for hurricane season. It is the University’s duty to ensure all students are fully aware of MUSC’s Severe Weather Plan. Annually, Student Programs and Student Diversity creates a new list of students needing assistance with campus evacuation in case of an emergency and coordinates their evacuation with the Office of Public Safety.

Student Programs and Student Diversity
Harper Student Center, Suite 213
(843) 792-2146
musc.edu/spsd

MUSC Department of Public Safety
101 Doughty Street
(843) 792-4196
musc.edu/publicsafety
Hurricane season officially begins on June 1 and runs through November 30.

When a hurricane or tropical storm threatens Charleston, the university will activate the MUSC Alert to provide faculty, staff and students with up-to-date information on storm progress, instructions regarding campus preparations, announcements about closing and reopening of university offices, and other relevant instructions.

In addition the Medical University of South Carolina emergency website will be updated with vital information.

Sources of Information

Register for Evacuation Assistance online at: musc.edu/spsd/hurricane

MUSC Department of Public Safety
843-792-4196 or 843-792-2261
musc.edu/publicsafety

Find more information during an emergency at: musc.edu/weatheremergency or call 843-792-MUSC

MUSC ALERT
Receive emergency notifications through the MUSC Alert System including SMS text messaging, voice messaging and desktop alerts.

Be Prepared

Get a kit:
• Maintain a disaster supplies kit year round.
• Include enough supplies to sustain you for at least 72 hours.
• Periodically check and replenish the kit contents.
• Visit www.ready.gov/kit for more information

Make a plan:
• Prepare your emergency plan prior to hurricane season.
• Communicate your plan with friends and family.
• Visit charlestoncounty.org to prepare your emergency plan.

Important Phone Numbers

Charleston County Emergency Management
843-746-3800

Disabilities Resource Center & Mobility Issues Assistance
843-225-5080

American Red Cross LowCountry Chapter
843-764-2323

Charleston County Emergency Citizens Information Line
843-746-3900
843-746-3909 (Spanish)
843-746-3911 (TTY)
To Do List

- I have registered for MUSC Alert online at: MUSC.edu/muscalert
- I have programmed MUSC Dept. of Public Safety into my mobile phone 843-792-4196
- If needed, I have registered for evacuation assistance at musc.edu/spsd/hurricane
- I have entered “In Case of Emergency” (ICE) number in my mobile phone
- I have an Emergency Communications Plan. My family and friends know how to contact me in an emergency.
- I have created an Emergency Supplies Kit with enough supplies to last for 72 hours.
- I have prepared a plan for my home and belongings including items such as computers and electronic files for severe weather emergencies.
- I have a shelter plan in place or know the location of the area shelters if Charleston County is evacuated.

Checklist

Medical Information
Name: ____________________________
Allergies: __________________________
Medications: __________________________
Medical Conditions: __________________________
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Insurance Information
Company: __________________________
Policy Number: __________________________
Phone Number: __________________________

Meeting Place
Have two options: One near the campus and one further away in case you can’t return to campus.
Location #1: __________________________
Locations #2: __________________________

Shelter Locations
Safe options to wait out a storm:
Location #1: __________________________
Locations #2: __________________________

Neighbors
Work with your neighbors to have plans to ensure everyone is safe: __________________________

Other Notes:

Note: Send text messages as they may have an easier time getting through than phone calls.
Emergency Kit

- 3-day food supply
- 3-day water supply
- Flashlight
- Batteries/Charger
- Glow sticks
- Radio
- Blankets
- First aid kit
- Pet food
- Medicine
- Extra cash
- Toiletries
- Rain gear
- Map of Area

National Weather Service and Advisory Guide

What do hurricane advisories mean?
Hurricane “watch” means that hurricane storm conditions are possible in a specified area usually in 36 hours.
Hurricane “warning” means hurricane storm conditions are expected usually within 24 hours.

What is the National Weather Service?
The National Weather Service provides weather, hydrologic and climate forecasts of hazardous weather, including thunderstorms, flooding, hurricanes, tornadoes and winter weather during life threatening situations.

Websites to know:
www.nhc.noaa.gov
www.weather.gov
www.scemd.gov
www.charlestoncounty.org

Radio stations to listen to:
Charleston
WIWF 96.9 FM or WEZL 103.5
NOAA Weather Radio Freq. 162.550

Social media to follow:
twitter.com/NOAA
facebook.com/NOAA
twitter.com/NWS
twitter.com/chascountygov

Evacuation Information

Be prepared.
Storm surge may extend beyond coastal areas, but hurricanes also bring high winds, tornadoes, heavy rains and flooding to inland areas. Learn safe routes and be ready to drive at least 20 to 50 miles inland to locate a safe place.

Before you leave home.
- Know where you will go
- Make arrangements for pets. Pets are not allowed in most shelters
- Fuel up your vehicle
- Turn off gas, electricity and water
- Stay tuned to local television and radio stations
- Charge your cell phone and mobile devices. Have your charger.

Return home.
- Avoid downed power lines and report them immediately
- Avoid flooded roads
- Enter your home with caution
- Use the telephone only for emergency
Evacuation

Bus Stops

Downtown Charleston
- CHS Progressive School- 322 Meeting Street
- Archer Building- 220 Nassau Street
- Burke HS- 244 President Street
- Joseph Floyd Manor- 2106 Mt. Pleasant Street
- Gaillard Municipal Auditorium- 95 Calhoun Street
- Memminger Elementary School- 20 Beaufain St.
- Bridgeview Village Complex- 108 D N. Romney St.
- Whaley Recreation Center- 1810 Doscher Avenue

West Ashley
- Bi-Lo- 3125 Bees Ferry Road
- W. Ashley Middle Sch.- 1776 William Kennerty Dr.
- Springfield Elem. School- 27 41 Clover Street
- Citadel Mall- 2070 Sam Rittenberg Blvd. Charleston
- First Assembly- 2957 Savannah HWY
- Publix- 3642 Savanah HWY

Visit charlestoncounty.org for more locations.

Disabled Services
Call 843-746-3900 for evacuation assistance.

Evacuation Routes

City of Charleston
- The west side of the city (West Ashley) will use SC 61 to US 78 to Aiken and North Augusta
- Downtown will use the normal west-bound lanes of I-26

Visit charlestoncounty.org for more routes.

Evacuating with Pets

Don't leave them behind
Prepare a safe location for your animals. This may be with you, a friend, in a kennel located in a non-evacuation zone or in a pet-friendly shelter. Pet friendly shelters only accept dogs and cat and require up-to-date vaccinations and registration. Pet friendly hotels can be found at: www.pet-friendly-hotels.net.

Pet Disaster Supplies include: proper ID collar, vaccination paperwork, cage and leash, ample food and water and any necessary medication.

If you have an animal with you and you do not have transportation, contact the Charleston County Emergency Public Information Line at 843-746-3900 and a vehicle will be dispatched to transport you and your pets to the evacuation animal shelter.

Returning to Campus

After the storm.
The severity and intensity of the damage caused by the storm, along with the storm’s location and impact on transportation corridors will heavily contribute to decisions to reoccupy the campus. Valid and updated identification such as your driver’s license may be required at checkpoints for evacuees to return to the area.

All students, faculty and staff who evacuated from the area should continually monitor MUSC website for up-to-date information regarding campus operations. The University will make all attempts to re-open and resume classes as quickly as possible, but must make every effort to provide a safe environment for the MUSC community to return to.