



# Okaloosa County News Release

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## **Okaloosa Co. Update in Preparation for Tropical Storm Isaac**

**Okaloosa County, Fla.** – Okaloosa County is under a hurricane warning issued by the National Hurricane Center. Isaac is expected to make landfall in Louisiana. At this time, Okaloosa County can expect a moderate impact with tropical force winds, possible tornadoes, heavy rain, rough surf and rip tides. Please stay tuned to local television channels, radio and newspapers for updates and visit our website at [www.okaloosaf.com](http://www.okaloosaf.com). Other updates at this time include:

- **Okaloosa County Schools will be closed on Tuesday and an announcement will be made at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, August 28 with an schools update for Wednesday.**
- **No county office closures at this time.**
- VA Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System (VAGCVHCS) will close the outpatient clinics in Biloxi, Miss., Eglin, Panama City, and the Joint Ambulatory Care Center in Florida on Tuesday and Wednesday.
- All residents and visitors south of Highway 98, on low lying barrier islands, and all residents living in mobile homes, are under **voluntary evacuation beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, August 27**. Mandatory evacuation may be called if conditions worsen.
- Sandbags will be available at Public Works north (Hwy. 85) and south (Ready Ave.) beginning Monday, from 7:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Supplies provided to individually fill the bags.
- **Shelters are not open, however are on standby if needed.**
- The 911 Emergency Operations Center (EOC) remains activated at a Level 2, which means **Public Safety officials continue to monitor conditions and will provide regular updates**. At this time, we do not expect to go into full activation.
- Anyone needing to check flights from NWF Regional Airport should call the 800 number for their particular airline.
- Joe's Bayou Boat Ramp fees are temporarily suspended by the city of Destin.
- No ban on alcohol at this time.
- There are no road or bridge closures at this time.

Follow us at OKALOOSAEOC on Twitter, and find us on Facebook at Okaloosa County Public Safety. For more information call the Citizens Information Line at 311, within the county. Florida Emergency Information Line (FEIL), a hotline for residents to obtain accurate, up-to-date information about Isaac. The FEIL will be available from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. The toll-free number is (800) 342-3557. Hearing-impaired persons may call the Florida Telecommunications Relay at (800) 226-4329.

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