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## **NOTICE**

### **Hurricane Laura**

Hurricane Laura is currently a Category 4 hurricane with 140 mph winds moving at 16 mph. The storm will make landfall in the Lake Charles, Louisiana region around midnight tonight. Strong hurricane force winds and storm surge are expected along the coasts of Southeast Texas to Southwest Louisiana.

#### **New Orleans**

The current forecast for New Orleans includes 25-35 mph winds and 2-3 inches of rainfall. There is a threat of thunderstorms and tornadoes this evening into tomorrow morning.

#### **Houston**

The current forecast for Houston includes winds up to 35 mph and 1-4 inches of rainfall. The biggest impact from the storm will be felt from 9pm this evening through 7am tomorrow morning.

For the most current information regarding this storm, please follow your local authorities, as well as the National Hurricane Center at <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov> .

Additional information and resources concerning hurricane readiness is available at <https://www.state.gov/links-resources/>. Please send any inquiries regarding this storm via email to [OFM-EmergencyMgt@state.gov](mailto:OFM-EmergencyMgt@state.gov) .