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LAFAYETTE PARISH RESIDENTS URGED TO VOLUNTARILY EVACUATE

Mayor-President Josh Guillory and administrations of all municipalities in Lafayette Parish encourage residents to prepare for the effects of Hurricane Marco and Tropical Storm Laura.

Leaders are tracking both systems and urge residents in the parish to voluntarily evacuate. Based on the latest forecast track, Hurricane Marco is expected to have minimal impact on the Acadiana area, but Tropical Storm Laura is now expected to become a category 3 hurricane. Laura has the potential to cause flooding and bring sustained hurricane-force winds which could cause extensive damage.

Residents south of I-10 should consider voluntarily evacuating, while residents south of Hwy 90 are *strongly* encouraged to evacuate. Residents should prepare their homes and property and gather personal belongings, including an emergency supply kit, and are encouraged to leave the area by Tuesday afternoon.