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## **Update: Louisiana Community Health Centers' Response and Recovery From Impacts of Hurricane Ida**

On behalf of the entire team at the Louisiana Primary Care Association, we offer our thoughts and prayers to everyone in our state impacted by Hurricane Ida. Our beloved Louisiana is, once again, picking up the pieces and beginning the long road to recovery following a major natural disaster.

Arriving as a Category 4 storm, Hurricane Ida barreled through Southeast Louisiana, leaving behind a path of destruction in its wake. New Orleans, the Northshore, the River Parishes, bayou and coastal communities were the most severely impacted. Right now, thousands of families across Southeast Louisiana are without electrical power – and may be looking at weeks before power is restored. This is especially dangerous as we experience high temperatures and ongoing heat advisories.

We are grateful to report that our LPCA staff members are safe. We are now working to assess the needs of our member Community Health Centers and determine the extent of their damage. Many across Southeast Louisiana are closed due to the loss of electrical power. We are working hand in hand with federal, state and local governments to ensure our health centers have resources to continue operations so they can serve their communities and assist in recovery. We are grateful for their help – especially our partners at Direct Relief, who continue to go above and beyond in delivering assistance to impacted Community Health Centers.

After conducting our comprehensive assessment, we will report this information to our entire network. Community Health Center staff members and patients needing assistance may wish to explore the following resources:

- If you live in one of the parishes impacted by Hurricane Ida, you can register for FEMA aid at [disasterassistance.gov](https://disasterassistance.gov) or by calling (800) 621-3362.
- While DSNAP has not yet been approved for Hurricane Ida, you can pre-register now to get a head start on your application if DSNAP is approved for your parish. Visit [dcfs.la.gov/preregister](https://dcfs.la.gov/preregister) for more information.

For additional Louisiana storm-related resources, please visit [HurricaneRecovery.la.gov](https://HurricaneRecovery.la.gov).

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### **About the Louisiana Primary Care Association**

The Louisiana Primary Care Association (LPCA) represents 39 federally funded, private, non-profit and public Community Health Centers (and 3 Look-Alikes) across Louisiana that serve over 465,000 patients annually. LPCA promotes community-based health services through advocacy, education, and collaboration with community partners. Our goal is to ensure that every Louisianan has access to affordable, quality, primary care services. For more information, visit [www.LPCA.net](http://www.LPCA.net).