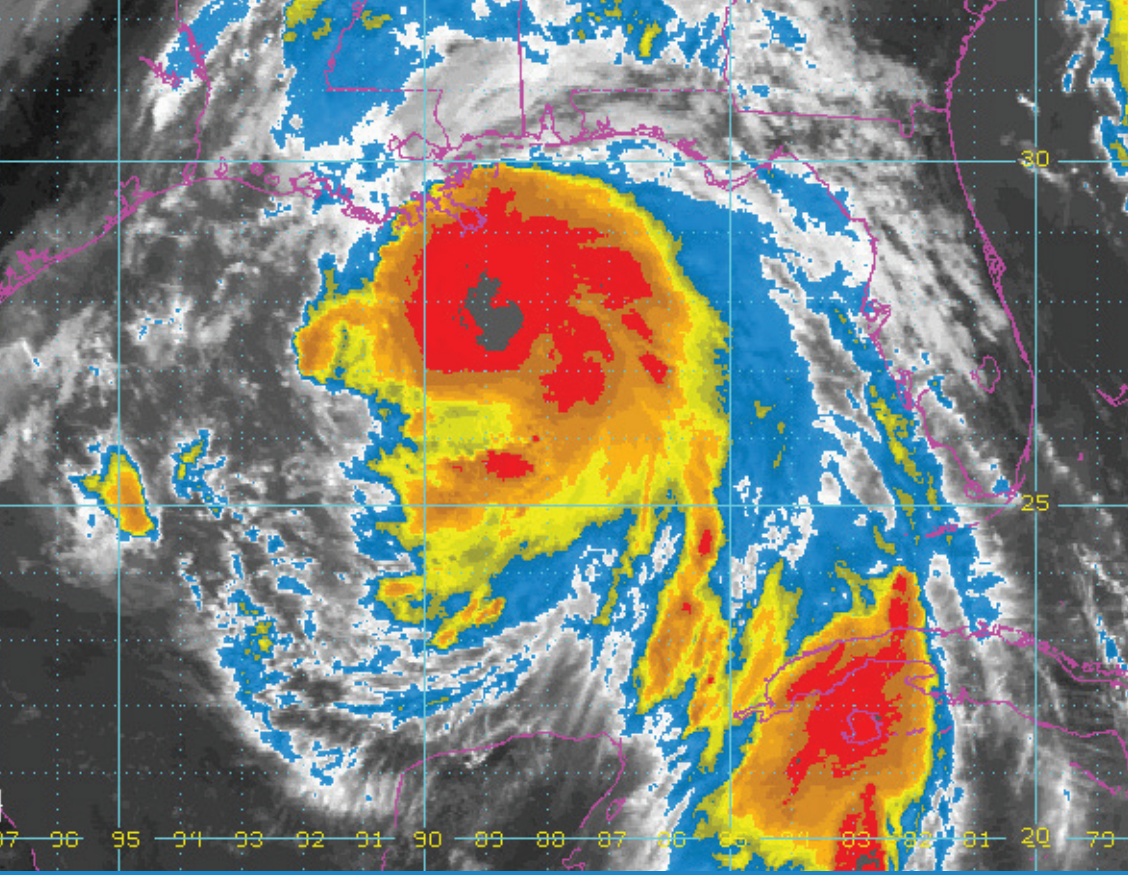

HURRICANE 2019 GUIDE

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In-state Hurricane Evacuation Routes

When hurricanes are approaching, don't take chances. Regardless of the projected path of the storm, always travel northbound. DO NOT evacuate parallel to the coast. Also consider taking an alternate evacuation route to avoid traffic congestion on Highway 49. Alternate evacuation routes are listed below and shown on the map on the reverse side.

From Jackson County:

- Hwy 63 to Hwy 57N to Hwy 45N to I-20 at Meridian
- I-10 eastbound to Alabama/Florida or westbound to Louisiana/I-59N

From Harrison County:

- Hwy 53 to Hwy 26W at Poplarville to Hwy 43N to Hwy 13N*
- Hwy 15 to Hwy 26E to Hwy 57N to Hwy 45N at State Line to I-20 at Meridian
- Hwy 15 to Hwy 26W to Hwy 43N then to Hwy 13N*
- Hwy 67 to Hwy 49N to Hwy 26, then either eastbound or westbound

From Hancock County:

- Hwy 43 to Hwy 13N *
- Hwy 603N to Hwy 53N to Hwy 26W to Hwy 43N to Hwy 13N *
- I-10W to I-59N to I-20 at Meridian

From Hwy 49 Below Hattiesburg:

- **Traveling East**
  At Wiggins, take Hwy 29N to I-59 at Ellisville to I-20 at Meridian
- **Traveling West**
  At Wiggins, take Hwy 26W to Hwy 43N to Hwy 13N *

From Hwy 49 Above Hattiesburg:

- **At Collins**
  Hwy 84W either to I-55 at Brookhaven to I-20 at Jackson or to Hwy 61 at Natchez north to I-20 at Vicksburg or west back into Louisiana
- **At Mount Olive**
  Hwy 35N to I-20 at Forest
- **At Magee**
  Hwy 28W to Hwy 27N to I-55 or onto I-20 at Vicksburg
- **At Mendenhall**
  Hwy 13N to I-20 at Morton
- **At Florence**
  Hwy 469N to Hwy 468W to I-20 at Brandon

From I-59 Above Hattiesburg:

- **At Ellisville**
  Hwy 29N to Hwy 28W to Hwy 35N to I-20 at Forest
- **At Laurel**
  Hwy 84E to Hwy 45N at Waynesboro to I-20 at Meridian

From Hwy 98 Between Alabama State Line & Hattiesburg:

- Hwy 63 to Hwy 45N to I-20 at Meridian
- Hwy 57 to Hwy 45N at State Line to I-20 at Meridian
- Hwy 15 to I-20 at Newton or I-59 to Meridian
- Hwy 29 to I-59 at Ellisville or onto Hwy 28W to Hwy 27N to I-55 or onto I-20 at Vicksburg

***Options at Highway 13**
Hwy 13N to I-20 at Morton or
Hwy 13N to Hwy 28W to Hwy 27N to I-55 or onto I-20 at Vicksburg

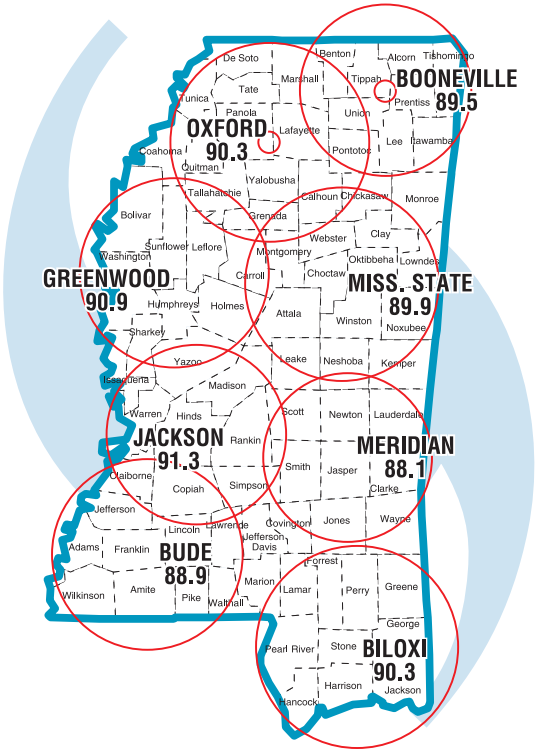
Contraflow Plans

Interstates 59 and 55 Contraflow Plans

In an effort to assist the state of Louisiana, MDOT will implement contraflow (lane reversal) for both I-59 and I-55 when requested by Louisiana and approved by the Governor of Mississippi. Category III, IV or V hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico are situations that might cause a mandatory evacuation of the greater New Orleans area. (Contraflow operations *cannot* be considered on Highway 49).

- The decision to contraflow is NOT automatic and will only be used when absolutely necessary. Citizens **should not delay** their evacuation plans in anticipation of contraflow.
- The I-59 contraflow operations would begin in Louisiana, extend into Mississippi, and end just south of Hattiesburg.
- The I-55 contraflow operations would begin in Louisiana, extend into Mississippi, and end just south of Brookhaven.
- All exits within the contraflowed sections of the interstate highways will remain open as traffic conditions allow. Law Enforcement Officers will be present to assist with traffic control.
- The shoulders of both Interstates 59 and 55 should be kept clear for emergency vehicles. Motorists needing to stop should use the next available exit.
- Hancock County residents traveling West into Louisiana on I-10 will be routed North onto I-59 at the I-10/I-12 split.
- Tune-in to Mississippi Public Broadcasting radio stations for emergency information and updated road conditions (see Radio Coverage Areas).

Radio Coverage Areas



Mississippi Public Broadcasting FM Radio

Hattiesburg Traffic Control

MDOT will enforce the following procedures in the Hattiesburg area to avoid severe congestion at the intersections of three major routes.

- **Northbound traffic on Hwy 49** may NOT be allowed to exit at either Hwy 98 or I-59.
- **Northbound traffic on I-59** can ONLY exit at Hwy 11 (Exit 60) or West on Hardy Street/Hwy 98 (Exit 65).
- **Westbound traffic on Hwy 98** may NOT be allowed to exit onto Hwy 49, but directed to merge onto I-59 instead.

Contact Information

MDOT
1-866-521-MDOT (1-866-521-6368)
www.GoMDOT.com

MS Highway Patrol
601-987-1212 [***HP** from any cell]
www.dps.state.ms.us

MEMA
1-800-222-MEMA (1-800-222-6362)
www.msema.org

Lodging [Mississippi Tourism]
1-866-SEE-MISS
[1-866-733-6477]
www.visitmississippi.org

Campsites
[MS Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks]
1-800-GO-PARKS
[Park Reservations 1-800-467-2757]
www.mdwfp.com

Animal Shelters
[MS Board of Animal Health]
1-888-646-8731
www.mbah.state.ms.us

MS Animal Disaster Hotline
1-888-722-3106

MS Department of Health
1-866-458-4948
www.HealthyMS.com

MS Insurance Department
1-800-562-2957
www.mid.ms.gov

MS Division of Medicaid
1-800-421-2408
www.medicaid.ms.gov

United Way
601-948-4725
www.myunitedway.com

Louisiana DOTD
877-4LA-DOTD (1-877-452-3683)
www.emergency.louisiana.gov

Louisiana State Police
1-800-469-4828
www.lsp.org

Alabama DOT
1-888-588-2848
www.dot.state.al.us

Alabama Highway Patrol
334-242-4393
www.ALEA.gov/DPS/highway-patrol

Arkansas HTD
501-569-2374
www.arkansashighways.com

Arkansas State Police
501-618-8000
www.asp.arkansas.gov

Tennessee DOT
877-244-0065
smartway.tn.gov

Tennessee Highway Patrol
615-741-3181
***847** (within Tennessee)
www.tn.gov/safety

Georgia DOT
877-694-2511
511ga.org

Georgia State Patrol
800-436-7442
dps.georgia.gov

Florida DOT
850-414-4100
www.fdot.gov

Florida Highway Patrol
1-800-459-6861
www.FL511.com

American Red Cross
1-866-GET-INFO (1-866-438-4636)
www.redcross.org/mississippi
Note: phone number is only active during crisis situations

FEMA
1-800-621-FEMA (1-800-621-3362)
www.fema.gov
and www.disasterassistance.gov

MISSISSIPPI
HURRICANE EVACUATION MAP

PRIMARY EVACUATION ROUTES
ALTERNATE EVACUATION ROUTES
OTHER STATE HIGHWAYS
NATCHEZ TRACE PARKWAY
HOSPITALS WITH 24 HOUR EMERGENCY ROOM FACILITIES
REST AREA WITH COMPLETE FACILITIES
WELCOME CENTER

ROUTE MARKERS
INTERSTATE
UNITED STATES
STATE

SCALE IN MILES
SCALE IN KILOMETERS
SCALE: ONE INCH EQUALS APPROXIMATELY 12 MILES

EVACUATION ROUTE

FOLLOW THIS SIGN ON DESIGNATED EVACUATION ROUTES

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MDOT traffic.com

Sign up for email or text alerts about traffic and road conditions and customize alerts for your evacuation route.

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