



# LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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To: Early Learning Center Providers, Family Child Care Providers and In-Home Providers

From: Lisa Brochard, Louisiana Department of Education  
Child Care Development Fund Grant Administrator

**Re: NOTICE – LEVEL 2 – Heavy Rain, Severe Storms, and Flash Flooding**

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The Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) would like to inform you that Governor John Bel Edwards has declared a [State of Emergency](#) due to the recent heavy rain, severe storms, and flash flooding event in Louisiana. This severe weather event produced record rainfall in excess of 15 inches in some areas with more rain expected in the following days. The National Weather Service identified several suspected tornadoes and established numerous watches and warnings. Many parishes across the state are prepared to take protective measures to help mitigate the potential heavy rains and flooding, search and rescue assets have been requested by several parishes, and emergency shelters are open. The LDOE will closely monitor conditions out of concern for your safety and for the safety of the children and families you serve.

If you are a child care provider, please take the following steps to prepare:

- Have access to the appropriate Reopen Request form.
  - [For Early Learning Centers \(Online Form\)](#)
  - [For Family Homes and In-Home Providers \(Online Form\)](#)
- Review the following for a current list of water systems with [outages](#) or under a [boil-water advisory](#).
- Visit the Louisiana Department of Health's [recommendations](#), [FAQs](#), and [Minimum Standards for Operation](#) if under a boil-water advisory
- Contact your local [GOHSEP office](#) for assistance with bottled water for providers without potable water especially if you provide services for essential workers.
- Review and update evacuation and safety plans.
- Practice evacuation and reunification plans.
- Let families know how you will communicate if you are unable to reopen following a disaster.
- Pay close attention to the messages from your local officials, especially concerning [road closures](#) and hazardous conditions.
- Review the FAQs below and be ready if a disaster declaration is made for your parish:
  - [Child Care Program \(CCAP\) – Before, During and After a Disaster](#)
  - [Reinstatement of a Child Care Center License Following a Disaster](#)
- Visit the [LDOE website \(www.louisianabelieves.com\)](#) or call 1-877-453-2721
- Obtain your parish's [Emergency Preparedness Contact phone number](#).
- Review the below useful links:
  - <http://www.getagameplan.org/>
  - <http://www.emergency.louisiana.gov/>
- Be safe.

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