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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

DATE: August 27, 2020
TO: Licensed Assisted Living Facilities
FROM: Tara Ragland, Director, Division of Licensing Programs
RE: Preparing for Hurricane Season

As you prepare for hurricane season while concentrating on the COVID-19 pandemic, VDSS is providing a list of resources to assist you. The following links may be helpful as you review and update your existing emergency preparedness and response plan to include COVID-19 infection prevention and control practices:

[Virginia Long Term Care Hurricane Preparedness in a COVID-19 Environment](#)
[Virginia Hurricane Evacuation Guide during the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
[Hurricanes and COVID-19](#)
[National Hurricane Preparedness](#)
[Ready.gov](#)
[Hurricane Safety](#)
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The updated emergency preparedness and response plan should address recommendations from the Virginia Department of Health (VDH), Center for Disease Control (CDC), and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) guidelines for COVID-19 including, but not limited to, social distancing, appropriate PPE, gathering in areas of refuge, and evacuation procedures.

VDSS appreciates your continued support and dedication to your residents and staff as we continue to move forward through these challenging times.