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### TIME TO PREPARE: HURRICANE SEASON BEGINS JUNE 1

Houston, May 4, 2021 – The 2021 Atlantic Hurricane Season begins on June 1st and the Office of Emergency Management wants everyone in our University of Houston community to be prepared. While we all are working through the challenges of COVID-19, we cannot forget to prepare for Hurricane Season. The winter weather event in February is a reminder that it is always important to prepare.

Begin by preparing a hurricane plan. If your home is in an [evacuation zone](#), be sure to know where you will go when an evacuation is ordered. If you don't have a place out of town to go, be sure you know where the closest evacuation shelter is and what rules they might have in place. Ask yourself how those rules apply to you and your household, including pets and service animals. During a hurricane, heavy rains can cause flash flooding, among other traveling hazards. Make sure you know the safest routes to take when evacuating. If in an evacuation shelter, please remember to social distance as much as possible, wear a mask, and to wash your hands and commonly touched surface areas often. More information on evacuation and sheltering during COVID-19 can be found [here](#).

Be sure to also build an emergency kit. If you prepare a basic kit for yourself and others living in your home - including pets - for at least 72 hours, you have taken one of the best steps you can to prepare for a hurricane. Make sure to include items to protect against COVID-19 like hand sanitizer and extra masks. A full list of supplies can be found [here](#).

Whether you need to evacuate or shelter at home, remember to follow all COVID-19 protocols in place. For more tips and resources that can help you prepare for hurricane season, check out the Office of Emergency Management's [Hurricane Preparedness page](#).

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