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## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

**DATE:** September 26, 2024

**TO:** Assisted Living Facilities  
Adult Day Centers  
Children's Residential Facilities  
Licensed Child-Placing Agencies  
Child Caring Institutions

**FROM:** Tara Ragland, Director  
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**SUBJECT:** Hurricane Preparedness

Governor Youngkin declared a state of emergency for the Commonwealth of Virginia in anticipation of impacts from Hurricane Helene later this week. While the current track takes the center of the storm west of Virginia, the National Weather Service and National Hurricane Center forecasts indicate that western portions of the state could experience significant rainfall and flooding.

Hurricane season lasts through November 30th. It is essential to plan and be prepared for a hurricane to ensure the safety of residents, participants, and employees and to minimize the damage that may be caused by a hurricane. The following links may be helpful as you review and update your existing emergency preparedness and response plan:

[Virginia Hurricane Evacuation Guide](#)  
[Virginia Know Your Zone](#)  
[Hurricane Safety](#)  
[Emergency Supply Kit](#)  
[National Hurricane Preparedness](#)  
[Ready.gov](#)  
[Prepping for a Hurricane](#)  
[Natural Disasters and Severe Weather](#)

Thank you for your attention to the importance of having a comprehensive emergency preparedness plan to ensure you are ready to address any potential incidents that may come from a hurricane.