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## DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

**DATE:** September 22, 2023

**TO:** Licensed Assisted Living Facility Providers

**FROM:** Tara Davis-Ragland, Director - Division of Licensing Programs

**RE:** Situational Awareness – Tropical Storm Ophelia

The Virginia Department of Social Services – Division of Licensing Programs would like to provide information from the Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association, as well as Governor Youngkin’s Declaration of a State of Emergency – [Executive Order 27](#), on the approaching Tropical Storm Ophelia.

Tropical Storm Ophelia may impact some portions of the Commonwealth within the next 72 hours. The impacted areas may see high winds, flooding, storm surge and potential power outages. We encourage you to review your emergency protocols as soon as possible and ensure you have adequate supplies, necessities and staffing available.

The [Virginia Healthcare Emergency Management Program](#) and the National Weather Service has provided information on the approaching storm in the Commonwealth. Please take a moment to [review the information](#) to ensure you are aware of its projected path and timing of the storm. You can stay informed throughout the weekend on the latest storm updates by visiting the [National Weather Service website](#).

In the event of a weather-related emergency at your facility, due to Tropical Storm Ophelia, you may contact your regional Healthcare Coalition representative for assistance. You may find that and other helpful information by visiting their [website](#). Please note, in the event of an emergency you will need to contact your Licensing Inspector as well, to provide information regarding your emergency event.

Please stay safe this weekend and remain vigilant of the weather conditions in your area.