

Florida Gulf Coast University – Emergency Management Advisory

Event: Hurricane Irma		FGCU Advisory # 6
Date: Tuesday, September 12, 2017	Time: 11:00 AM	NHC Advisory # N/A
FGCU Status: FGCU is closed until Monday, September 18. (Continue to monitor your FGCU email.)		

Hurricane Irma has been downgraded to a tropical storm and is expected to continue to weaken. It is no longer an active threat to our area. However, the recovery will be long and difficult for many and multiple hazards remain.

IMPACTS TO FGCU

- FGCU is closed until Monday, September 18. Continue to monitor your campus email accounts for updated information as it becomes available.
- Initial assessment of campus indicates some, but mostly manageable, damage.
- Plans are underway to return students to housing at the earliest reasonable time. Stay tuned for information from Housing.
- The public shelter at Alico Arena is expected to remain open for several more days. Because of the overall extent of community damage, this will remain a dynamic situation.

LOCAL COMMUNITY IMPACTS and SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

While the impacts from Hurricane Irma are less severe than originally anticipated, damage throughout the area is extensive. Below are some key points.

- All public shelters remain open.
- Power is out to most of Lee County and surrounding counties.
- Many roads remain flooded and/or obstructed by debris. Travel is hazardous, so do not sightsee or drive unnecessarily.
- Gasoline supplies are expected to remain tight. Make your life easier by conserving fuel.
- Many powerlines are down. Avoid them. A “live” powerline and a “dead” powerline look alike. Also, a previously “dead” line may be reenergized without warning.
- Stay out of floodwaters. Because of power and infrastructure problems the chances for contamination are very high.
- Never use a generator or grill inside your home or near a window. They produce Carbon Monoxide, a colorless, odorless and tasteless, but deadly gas.

This is the last formal Advisory for Hurricane Irma – Continue to check FGCU email for updates