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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Lafourche Parish Monitors Hurricane Ida** *Schools Closed Monday / Voluntary Evacuations Begin in Port Fourchon*

Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal has declared a State of Emergency as Hurricane Ida approaches the Gulf Coast. Lafourche Parish Government is currently monitoring the storm that should bring windy conditions along with several inches of rain over the next 24-48 hours.

In a joint decision, Lafourche Parish President Charlotte Randolph and Lafourche Parish Schools Superintendent Jo Ann Mathews have decided that all schools in Lafourche Parish will be closed Monday. This includes all private schools as well. Central office supervisors, maintenance staff, school custodial staff and school administrators should still report to work.

The 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court System will also be closed tomorrow.

Voluntary evacuations have begun at Port Fourchon, but no official evacuations have been called. Lafourche Parish Government encourages residents to monitor local media to stay up to date on the latest information as Hurricane Ida approaches.

As of 6:00 P.M., the center of Hurricane Ida was located about 445 miles south-southeast of the mouth of the Mississippi River. Ida is a Category 2 storm with sustained winds of 105 miles per hour and is moving toward the north-northwest at 12 miles per hour.

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