

**Alert: Prepare Your Labs for Potential Impact of Hurricane Dorian** (8/28/19)

ORLANDO, Aug. 28, 2019, As the State of Florida and UCF prepare for the potential impact by Hurricane Dorian, we remind you that each Department must take protective actions in their own laboratories to safeguard people, research, labs, and buildings. Please do your part in assisting UCF to prepare for the potential impact of this hurricane now, so that later in the week you are not faced with an emergency.

- All experiments that cannot be easily terminated or will need to be monitored during the storm should be postponed now, and ongoing experiments involving biological materials, radioactive agents and hazardous chemicals should be suspended later this week until the storm has passed and the University is no longer at a state of emergency.
- If UCF has suspended normal operations, personnel must not stay in the laboratory to ride out the storm.

The "Laboratory and Research Areas Tropical Weather/Hurricane Preparation" checklist <https://www.research.ucf.edu/documents/PDF/2019/WeatherEmergencies.pdf> should be utilized to identify suggested tasks and assign responsibilities for preparing laboratory areas. The checklist is located in each lab's safety manual. (Not all items are appropriate for all areas.)

- If UCF suspends normal operations, immediately postpone operations in the laboratory, secure equipment and hazardous materials, and complete the checklist.
- Departments and researchers should add actions specific to their individual laboratories if needed. This checklist should be completed as a part of the Departmental Tropical Weather Response and Recovery Plan.
- Please check with your Department Chair or Director to make sure you understand what equipment is on back-up power.
- In the event that UCF is impacted by the storm, normal services (i.e. - waste pickups, inspections, deliveries, etc.) may be delayed.

If you need assistance or have questions, please feel free to contact EHS at 407-823-6300 or [ehs@ucf.edu](mailto:ehs@ucf.edu).

UCF is sharing information related to Hurricane Dorian here: <https://www.ucf.edu/news/ucf-monitoring-tropical-storm-dorian/>. In the event of any urgent updates or campus closures, you will receive a UCF Alert message with more details.

Thank you for all of your individual assistance in ensuring that UCF is well prepared to face this hurricane.