

To: DSOs/PDSOs in region affected by Hurricane Matthew

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Re: Response to Hurricane Matthew: Impact on Your F-1 and M-1 Nonimmigrant Students

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General Information

Following the impact of Hurricane Matthew on the southeastern United States, the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) is requesting certain information in order to assist you and provide an accurate response to concerned families, embassies, government officials and the media. SEVP requests that all schools in the impacted region please respond to the following questions as soon as possible (no later than COB, Friday, Oct. 14, 2016):

1. Has your school been impacted by the hurricane? If ‘no,’ please advise SEVP immediately via the contact information below. If ‘yes,’ please respond to the following questions.
 - a. Have you accounted for all F-1 and M-1 nonimmigrants enrolled at your school, as well as their accompanying dependents, if any?
 - b. Do you anticipate an immediate recovery that will enable your students to resume their course of study for this session? If ‘no,’ please provide an estimated date for when you anticipate that students can resume their course of study via the contact information below.
 - c. If the hurricane’s impact will preclude resumption of normal progress this session, do you have an alternate plan (e.g., instruction at another location or transfer to another school)? Please provide a brief description of your plan via the contact information below.

Submit your response by email to SEVP at SEVP@ice.dhs.gov, attention: Hurricane Matthew. Please include additional related comments, questions and/or concerns, if any.

SEVP may follow up to your response if any clarification is required. We will make every attempt to answer your questions and provide guidance. SEVP wishes all those who have been impacted a speedy recovery.

Comments

To comment on this Broadcast Message, please email SEVP@ice.dhs.gov with “Broadcast Message 1610-03 Comment” entered in the subject line.

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