Broadcast Message: Response to Hurricane Irma: Impact on Your F-1 and M-1 Nonimmigrant Students in the Affected Jurisdictions in Georgia, Florida, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands
To: Affected areas only
Date: Sept. 13, 2017
Re: Response to Hurricane Irma: Impact on Your F-1 and M-1 Nonimmigrant Students
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Following the impact of Hurricane Irma on the affected jurisdictions in Georgia, Florida, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) is requesting certain information in order to provide an accurate count of those impacted to U.S. government officials, embassies and the media. SEVP requests that all schools in the impacted regions please respond to the following questions as soon as possible (no later than Sept. 25, 2017):

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 via the contact information below.

    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.

    c. If the hurricane's impact will preclude resumption of normal student 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 school's plan.

Submit your response by email to SEVP at SEVP@ice.dhs.gov, attention: Hurricane Irma. 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.