

Tulane returns to normal operations Wednesday

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(Photo by Sally Asher)

President Michael A. Fitts, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Patrick Norton, and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost Robin Forman sent the update below on Hurricane Sally to the university community on Tuesday, Sept. 15.

Dear Tulane Community:

According to the latest report from our weather partners, Hurricane Sally is projected to have minimal impact on the New Orleans area. The storm is projected to make

landfall near the Mississippi/Alabama border or even further east of New Orleans. We can expect breezy conditions for the remainder of today and into tomorrow (Wednesday), along with less than an inch of rainfall.

We will hold in-person classes and resume normal university operations on Wednesday, with the exception of our temporary classrooms. Classes scheduled in temporary buildings for Wednesday will be conducted online, while our facilities team reinstalls the soundproof barriers on these buildings that had been removed for the storm. However, all temporary tents, used for dance classes, admissions and more, will be ready for use on Wednesday. Also, we want to remind students that if they decided to leave the city during this time, they must inform the university by completing this [form](#) and they must be tested and cleared before returning to campus.

We want to extend our special thanks to the numerous staff members who worked around the clock over the past few days to ensure that the Tulane community would remain safe if the storm had headed our way. In addition, many thanks to all who diligently followed COVID-19 protocols while sheltering in place. Like storm preparations, this helps keep us all safe.

While the latest news on the storm's track has been good for us, Hurricane Sally remains a threat to our neighbors to the east. We continue to monitor the storm's progress and will reach out to students who are from the areas most likely to be impacted. The Tulane family extends all along the Gulf Coast, as does our care, thoughts and prayers.