

Tulane weathers Hurricane Zeta

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On Wednesday President Mike Fitts visited with students Dana Pagliuso and Eric Charles during lunch in The Commons prior to the arrival of Hurricane Zeta in New Orleans. Classes were held online Wednesday, but the campus will be closed Thursday. For updates, visit tulane.edu/emergency. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)

Hurricane Zeta, which made landfall on Wednesday as a Category 2 hurricane, passed through the New Orleans area quickly. Now it is time to begin our recovery. There are widespread power outages in New Orleans and throughout Southeast Louisiana with trees and power lines downed throughout the city.

To conduct cleanup and make vital repairs, the university will be closed on Thursday, and all classes will be canceled. Campuses will be open to essential

personnel only. Information regarding Friday operations will be shared Thursday. The School of Medicine has issued a separate message regarding their operational plans.

Our students are safe in their residence halls, which are on our co-generation power. Thursday, we will open the Commons beginning at 9 a.m. Please check diningservices.tulane.edu for additional locations that may be available. Full dining operations will resume on Friday.

Please continue to look for email updates, which will also be posted online at tulane.edu/emergency. You can also stay updated with [NOLA Ready emergency alerts](#).



President Fitts discusses football with members of the Green Wave football team during lunch at The Commons. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)