Students evacuate to Houston hub following Hurricane Ida

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Tulane University students living on and off campus were evacuated to Houston, Texas, via bus on Tuesday and Wednesday following Hurricane Ida. Tulane established a hub to provide food and lodging at the university's expense for students until they can get flights home.

Hurricane Ida made landfall on Sunday and caused citywide power outages. Tulane classes are canceled through Sept. 12, and will resume online beginning Monday, Sept. 13.

The two weeks of canceled classes will be rescheduled at the end of the semester.

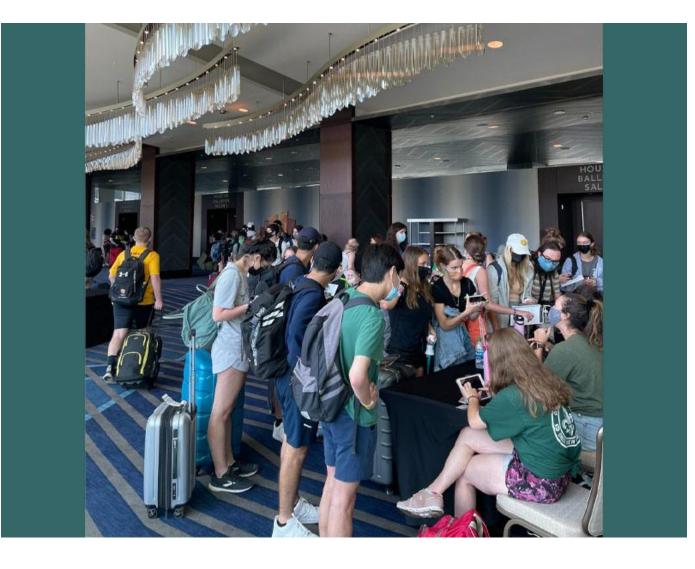


















Students line up on Brown Field on Tulane's campus to board buses headed to Houston. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)

Students show their IDs as they check in before boarding buses. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)

President Michael Fitts is interviewed by local media about Tulane's response and plans following Hurricane Ida. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)

Students aboard one of the 35 buses bound for Houston. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)

Belongings are loaded in the cargo hold of one of the buses. Students were asked to bring two pieces of luggage, along with their laptops and any valuables. (Photo by Paula Burch-Celentano)

Tulane personnel and volunteers check in students upon their arrival at the Marriott Marquis hotel in Houston. (Photo by Becca Hildner)

Satya Dattagupta (left), senior vice president and dean of admission for enrollment management and graduate and pre-college strategy, and President Michael Fitts (right) talk with students at the Houston hub. (Photo by Katie Acuff) Students sit in the hotel ballroom to eat, make phone calls and get settled after traveling. (Photo by Shannon Woodward)

Tulane students at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Houston pick up food provided by LSU football, whose team members also evacuated their campus because of the storm.