
Office of University Relations

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Early Closure and Preparations for Hurricane Dorian

The Bahamas Department of Meteorology is warning that Hurricane Dorian is expected to strengthen into a major hurricane over the next couple of days as the islands of the northwest Bahamas – New Providence, Eleuthera, Abaco, Grand Bahama, North Andros, Bimini and the Berry Islands – remain under a hurricane alert.

Please be advised that as a result of the threat of Hurricane Dorian, University of The Bahamas' Oakes Field Campus and Grosvenor Close Centre, including Chapter One Bookstore and the Harry C. Moore Library will close at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, 30th August 2019. However, the UB-North Campus in East Grand Bahama as well as operations at the Continuing Education & Lifelong Learning (CELEARN) and Recruitment & Admissions centre at the Teachers Credit Union building on West Atlantic Drive will close at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, 29th August 2019.

The University's Emergency Response Team has already initiated the necessary precautions and preparations for Hurricane Dorian, whose maximum sustained winds were reported to be 85 miles per hour with higher gusts as of 6:00 p.m. EDT.

In anticipation of the storm, UB's Physical Plant Department has begun to disseminate plastic sheeting to protect computers and other sensitive electronic equipment and will continue to prepare by installing window protections and securing refuse containers. All area managers are urged to assist by contacting the Physical Plant Helpdesk and collecting plastic sheeting as well as ensuring that office equipment is properly elevated and secured.

As is the standard practice under the circumstances, all University vehicles should be refueled and parked outside the Keva M. Bethel Building on Friday before closure time.

At the appropriate time, the University's Command Centre will be activated on the ground floor of the Keva M. Bethel Building.

Faculty, staff and students are urged to closely monitor the University's Severe Weather webpage which will be accessible at www.ub.edu.bs, official emails and UB's social media pages (Facebook and Instagram) to keep abreast of further hurricane announcements including a notice regarding the resumption of operations for all campuses and centres. These announcements will also be communicated via the news media.

As Hurricane Dorian is potentially a dangerous storm, please also closely monitor and observe the instructions issued by the Bahamas Department of Meteorology and the National Emergency Management Agency.

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