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Ascension Parish Opening Emergency Shelter

Gonzales, LA— Ascension Parish Government will open an evacuation shelter of last resort at 12:30 P.M. on September 11, 2024, for Ascension Parish residents fleeing Hurricane Francine.

The shelter will be located at the Lamar-Dixon Expo Center in the Gym at 9039 S. St. Landry Ave, Gonzales (enter through the second entrance next to the Chapel). Ascension Parish Government will operate the facility and provide basic accommodations with limited amenities. The Ascension Parish Sheriff's Office will provide security.

Cots will be provided, but anyone coming to the shelters should bring enough food and personal items to last 3 to 5 days. Items to bring include:

- Food
- Water
- Bedding
- Medication
- Clothing
- Toiletries/hygiene products
- Electronics charging cables

“Hurricane Francine poses a threat to our residents; please take this situation seriously,” said Parish President Clint Cointment. “If you have any doubt about your safety, don’t take any risks and please come to the shelter.”

For assistance, call the Citizens Service Center at 225-450-1200. For further information and updates, please visit ascensionparish.net and follow our social media channels for further information and updates.