

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CONTACT NUMBERS

Hancock County	228-255-0942
Harrison County	228-435-6157
Jackson County	228-769-3111

Please check for Up to Date Information available at the St. Vincent de Paul Pharmacy's website
www.svdprx.org

RED CROSS & SHELTER CONTACT NUMBERS

Biloxi	228-896-4511
Pascagoula	228-762-2455
Waveland	228-467-7609

[SVdP Pharmacy]

Hurricane Plan 2014

June 1, 2014

It's Hurricane Season! Make a Plan Now!



The first of June is here again and traditionally marks the beginning of the Coast's hurricane season. Since Katrina, it is a great source of anxiety for many yet still catches folks unprepared. When money is tight, it is doubly important to plan ahead.

This newsletter outlines the Pharmacy's hurricane plan. *It is important for you to remember*

that we are an all volunteer organization. Not only will our volunteers be affected by the same storm warnings as you, but that all of our pharmacists have their own job obligations to attend to first. *We will do our best to re-group quickly, but you will be responsible for your medicine in the meantime.*

We have included information about emergency closures (where offices are requested to close but no evacuation is ordered) and for evacuations (where everyone is asked to leave the area). Please read over the information carefully and make your plans accordingly.

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www.svdprx.org

The Pharmacy's Plan

- **Closures:** The Pharmacy will close for hurricanes when the Emergency Management of Harrison County recommends closures. If you are in doubt, watch for announcements on WLOX or call the Pharmacy at 228-374-9097 for a recorded message.
- **What About Your Medicine?** If the pharmacy closes on your Thursday but Biloxi is not ordered to evacuate, your medicine will be filled the following Tuesday (*all the medicine you received the previous month for which you have a refill—no new medicines*) and ready to pick up that Tuesday afternoon.

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St. Vincent de Paul Community Pharmacy

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Hurricane Plan Cont.

- For Hancock and Jackson County satellite sites, if the Pharmacy was closed on your assigned date, your medicine from the previous month for which you still have refills will be filled and mailed to you within a week.
- **Evacuations:** Evacuations are more of a problem. Re-opening is determined by the amount of damage incurred in any storm and the amount of time needed

to allow volunteers to return to their own homes and businesses and address damage. If you are unable to reach the pharmacy by phone, please look for notice of re-opening on WLOX or in the newspaper.

Please remember
There may be a gap in our service to you and you will be responsible for obtaining the medicine you need.

Shelters and Transportation

The three Coast Counties are making their new 2014 plans now. There are several new shelters with new equipment that have opened. Call the Red Cross for information.

- *Hospitals do not shelter people with disabilities. They care for their patients and usually limit family to one person during a storm. If you have special needs, please plan ahead for a special needs shelter if*

Emergency

Medicine



You don't want to find yourself stranded without the medicine you need. Here are some suggestions to help plan ahead

- Make a list of all medicine you take including strength and how often you take it. Keep the list with you.
- If you are uncertain how much your medicine costs per month, ask your Pharmacy volunteer and save at least one-fourth of that cost for a week's worth of medicine.
- Ask your doctor for sample medicine for emergencies.
- Most retail pharmacies will fill maintenance medicines for a few days in an emergency if you have your bottle. You must pay for it. They will not do emergency fills for controlled medicines including pain meds.
- If stranded out of town for more than a few days, call the nearest Catholic Church for a St. Vincent de Paul group.

you cannot leave the area.

- *Many of the shelters are in public buildings and schools that do not have back up generators for air conditioning.*

The best plan for everyone is to locate a friend or family member who lives a safe distance from the coast and arrange **now** to stay with them in case of an evacuation.

