



## TEEC Command Center Update



### **Emergency:**

Hurricane Gustav Update  
State of Texas Emergency Ops Call

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**Updates and Points of Interest:** Just an update to everyone from the evening SOC call. Hurricane Gustav is now a very high Category 4 hurricane moving at 15 mph. The plan is as follows with evacuation of the Beaumont and Port Arthur areas beginning tomorrow and Monday. Due to the way this storm is moving they are expected and planning for a "catastrophic" rain event to begin on Wednesday in East Texas. Which means that if Gustav does not do damage in the Beaumont and Port Arthur areas as expected; individuals that are evacuated into the East Texas area this weekend by ground will be returned on Tuesday to that area and plans will begin for the evacuation of East Texas. We will need to monitor this closely and prepare facility staff that this will be a very quick turn around of patients in this area. I have also sent out an alert requesting more frequent updates on EMS system. The State and local emergency manager groups ARE monitoring for updates and status changes including changing to DIVERT if your facility reaches capacity or can not take more patients. Local hospitals are also using this system to redirect dialysis patients showing up in emergency rooms. I have received 2 calls confirming this so please please please help with getting this message out to the facilities that it is imperative for them to update regularly and change their status if they evacuate, close or need to divert to another location. Also, as they near their capacity they need to update the patient census number so it is clear they do not have room for more patients. Questions or concerns for the group please email or call me. TEEC toll free number is being answered and you can reach me that way too.

I know everyone is busy and doing double duty... I appreciate all the support, help and cooperation from this entire group. Dialysis patients in Texas should feel proud and safe knowing this group is working so hard to ensure they receive good continuity of care during this emergency situation.  
Be safe and God speed.

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