Although Hurricane Laura is currently expected to make landfall near the Texas/Louisiana border, there is still the possibility of severe weather here in Huntsville, particularly between midnight Wednesday through the wee hours on Thursday morning. There could be several hours of heavy rain and tropical storm force wind gusts until the storm completely passes. While we will have staff in most areas, we do want to give you some information regarding your stay on campus during this storm. If you are going home, please let your apartment staff know you will not be on campus.

- Please notify your RA or RHD that you will be staying with us during the storm. Please understand that normal visitation could change if we should have to go into emergency mode.
- Residence Life cannot house friends, relatives or pets fleeing the storm due to limited space and staff available, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic. Other lodging arrangements will be necessary.
- Make sure that all items are up off the floor and that electronics are away from windows.
- In case of a power outage, please put towels on the floor around your refrigerator, as it will defrost and leak.
- Make sure that you have a flashlight and extra batteries.
- CANDLES OR OTHER OPEN FLAMES ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED
- Stay inside your apartment during the storm
- Keep all window blinds closed
- Make sure you are signed up for KatSafe updates and alerts
- PLEASE KEEP YOUR FAMILY UPDATED AS TO YOUR WHEREABOUTS AND SAFETY!!

**IN CASE OF A POWER OUTAGE:**

- Do NOT use candles or any open flame as a source of light. This is STILL prohibited due to the Life Safety Code. Use a flashlight or battery-powered lamp.
- Cell phones may not pick up a signal during the storm or directly afterwards. Please contact the apartment staff if you have an emergency.

**IN CASE OF FACILITY DAMAGE:**

Please contact staff immediately if any damage occurs to your room during the storm. Maintenance staff will not be available during the worst part of the storm, so keep your apartment staff informed of any problems and they will get maintenance staff here as soon after the storm as possible.

**UPDATES AND OTHER INFORMATION:**

Please refer to KatSafe messages regarding other facilities on campus that will be open or closed. It is likely that Recreational Sports and the LSC will be open for limited hours. A decision regarding any campus closure or delay in classes will likely be made on Wednesday evening and you will be notified via KatSafe and the University’s homepage.