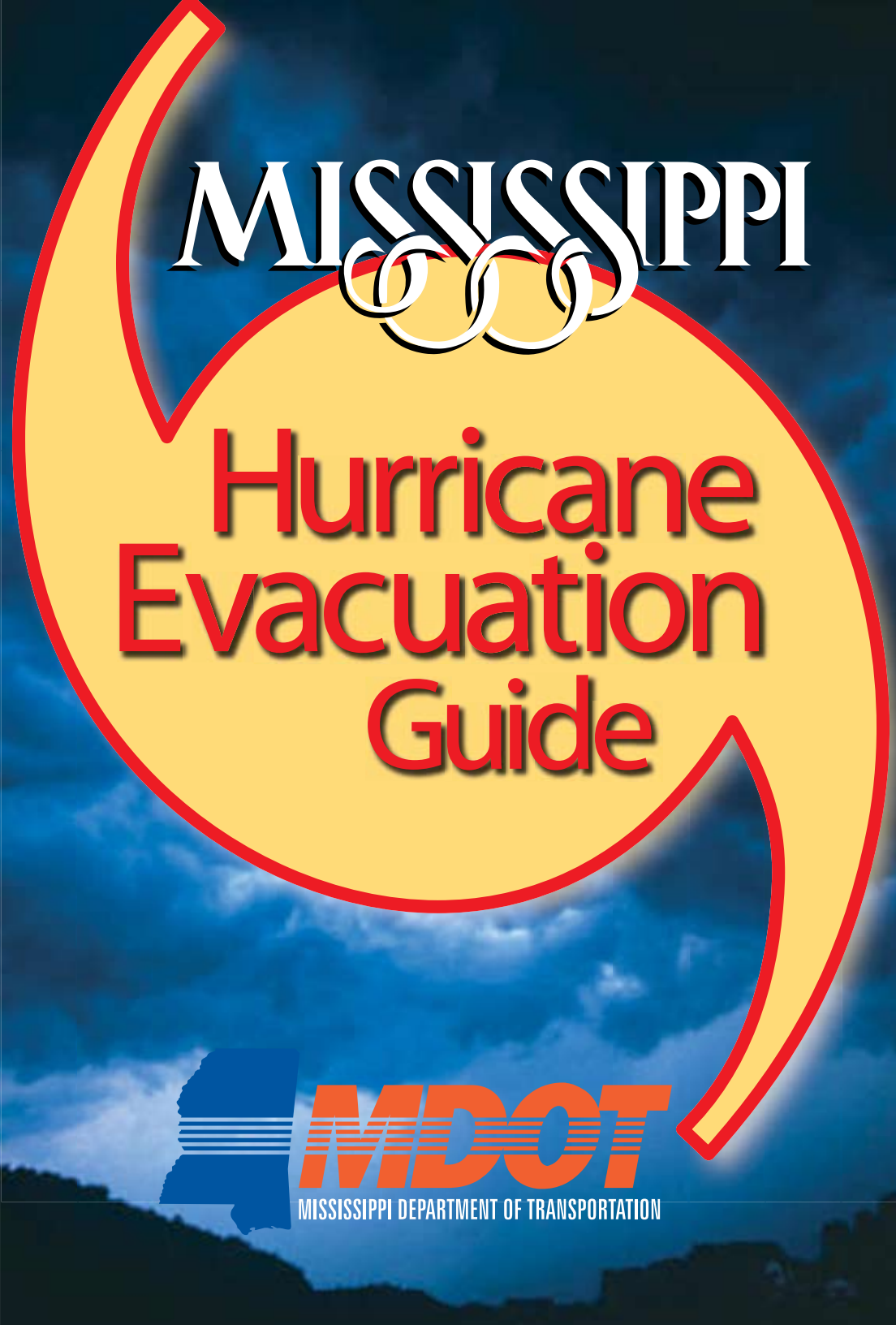
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American Red Cross . **1-866-GET-INFO (1-866-438-4636)**
. . . . . .www.redcross.org

MEMA . . . . . .**1-800-222-MEMA (1-800-222-6362)**
. . . . . www.msema.org

FEMA **1-866-877-6075**
. . . . . www.fema.org

MS Hwy. Safety Patrol . . **601-987-1212** (***hp** from any cell)
. . . . . www.dps.state.ms.us

Lodging (Mississippi Tourism) **1-866-SEE-MISS**
. . . . . (1-866-733-6477) www.visitmississippi.org

Campsites (MS Wildlife, Fisheries & Parks) . .**1-800-GO-PARKS**
. . . . . .(1-800-467-2757) www.mdwfp.com

Animal Shelters (MS Board of Animal Health). . **1-888-722-3106**
. . . . . www.mbah.state.ms.us

Louisiana DOTD . . **1-877-4LA-DOTD (1-877-452-3683)**
. . . . . www.dotd.state.la.us

Louisiana State Police **1-800-469-4828**
. . . . . www.lsp.org

Alabama DOT. **1-334-242-6358**
. . . . . .www.dot.state.al.us

Alabama Highway Patrol **1-334-242-4371**
. . . . . www.dps.state.al.us

Arkansas DOT. **1-800-245-1672**
. . . . . www.arkansashighways.com

Arkansas State Police **1-501-618-8000**
. . . . . www.asp.state.ar.us

Tennessee DOT **1-615-741-2848**
. . . . . www.tdot.state.tn.us/tdotsmartway/

Tennessee Highway Patrol. **1-800-342-3258**
. . . . . www.state.tn.us/safety/index.htm

Georgia DOT . . . . . **1-888-635-8287** or **1-404-635-6800**
. . . . . www.georgia-navigator.com

Georgia State Patrol **1-404-624-7000**
. . . . . www.georgiastatepatrol.com

Florida DOT . . . . . **1-866-374-FDOT (1-866-374-3368)**
. . . . . www.dot.state.fl.us

MS Division of Medicaid **1-800-421-2408**
. . . . . www.dom.state.ms.us

MS Insurance Department **1-800-562-2957**
. . . . . www.doi.state.ms.us

Project Recovery Mississippi. **1-866-856-3227**
. . . . . www.projectrecovery.ms.gov

Alternate In-state Hurricane Evacuation Routes

In order to relieve traffic congestion on Hwy 49 during Mississippi Gulf Coast hurricane evacuations, please take the following routes to arrive at your final destination. The routes are posted to a map on the last page of this guide and will provide you with further details.

From Jackson County:

- Hwy 57 to Hwy 45N @ state line **to I-20 @ Meridian**
- Hwy 57 to Hwy 98W @ McLain to Hwy 15N **to I-20 @ Newton**
- Hwy 63 to Hwy 45N @ Waynesboro **to I-20 @ Meridian**

From Harrison County:

- Hwy 53 to Hwy 26W @ Poplarville to Hwy 43N to Hwy 13N *
- Hwy 15 to Hwy 26E to Hwy 57N to Hwy 45N @ State Line **to I-20 @ Meridian**
- Hwy 15 to Hwy 26W to Hwy 11N or Hwy 43N then to Hwy 13N *

From Hancock County:

- Hwy 43 to Hwy 13N *
- Hwy 43 to Hwy 603N to Hwy 53N to Hwy 11N to Hwy 13N *
- I-10W to I-59N **to I-20 @ Meridian**

From Hwy 49 Below Hattiesburg:

Traveling East

At Wiggins, take Hwy 29N to I-59 @ Ellisville **to I-20 @ Meridian**

Traveling West

At Wiggins, take Hwy 26W to Hwy 43N to Hwy 13N *

From Hwy 49 Above Hattiesburg:

Collins

Hwy 84W to I-55 @ Brookhaven **to I-20 @ Jackson**

Mount Olive

Hwy 35N **to I-20 @ Forest**

Magee

Hwy 28W to Hwy 27N to I-55 or on **to I-20 @ Vicksburg**

Mendenhall

Hwy 13N **to I-20 @ Morton**

Florence

Hwy 469 **to I-20 @ Brandon**

From Hwy 98 Between AL State Line & Hattiesburg:

- Hwy 63 to Hwy 45N **to I-20 @ Meridian**
- Hwy 57 to Hwy 45N @ State Line **to I-20 @ Meridian**
- Hwy 15 **to I-20 @ Newton** or **I-59 to Meridian**
- Hwy 29 **to I-59 @ Ellisville** or onto Hwy 28W to Hwy 27N **to I-55** or on **to I-20 @ Vicksburg**

*Options at Highway 13

Hwy 13N **to I-20 @ Morton**, or
Hwy 13N to Hwy 28W to Hwy 27N **to I-55** *or on* **to I-20 @ Vicksburg**

Contraflow Plans

Interstates 59 and 55 Contraflow Plans

In an effort to assist the state of Louisiana, MDOT will implement contraflow (lane reversal) for both I-59 and I-55 when requested by Louisiana and approved by the Governor of Mississippi. Category III, IV or V hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico are situations that might cause a mandatory evacuation of the greater New Orleans area. (Contraflow operations *cannot* be considered on Highway 49.)

- The decision to contraflow is NOT automatic and will only be used when absolutely necessary. Citizens should not delay their evacuation plans in anticipation of contraflow.
- The I-59 contraflow operations would begin in Louisiana, extend into Mississippi, and end just south of Poplarville.
- The I-55 contraflow operations would begin in Louisiana, extend into Mississippi, and end just south of Brookhaven.
- All exits within the contraflowed sections of the interstate highways will remain open as traffic conditions allow. Law enforcement officers will be present to assist with traffic control.
- The shoulders of both Interstates 59 and 55 should be kept clear for emergency vehicles. Motorists needing to stop should use the next available exit.
- Hancock County residents traveling West into Louisiana on I-10 will be routed North onto I-59 at the I-10/I-12 split.
- Tune-in to Mississippi Public Broadcasting radio stations for emergency information and updated road conditions (see station listing printed in this guide).

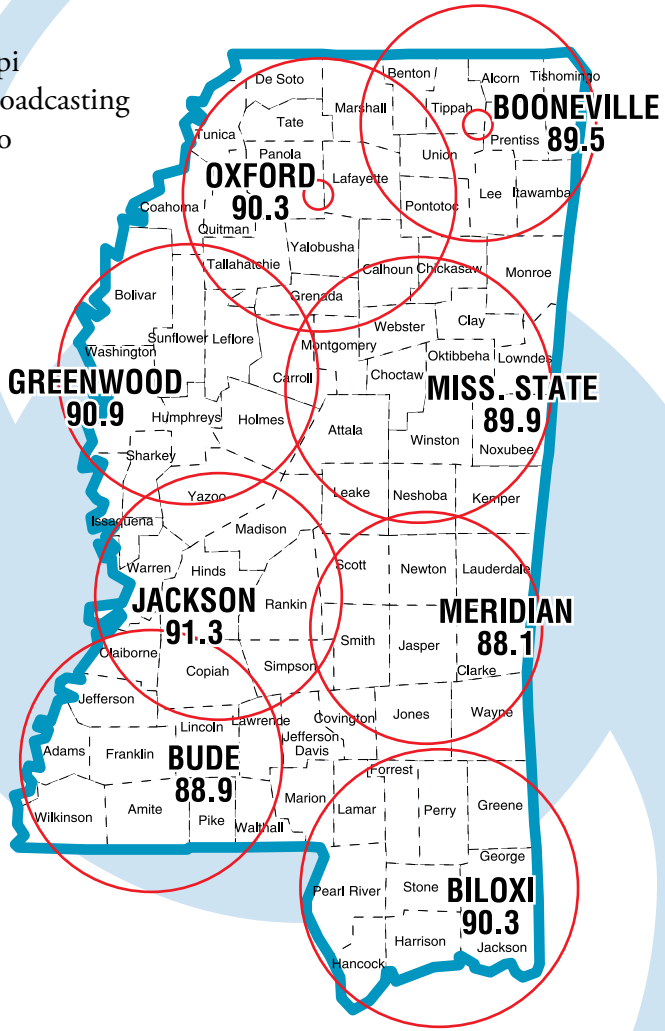
Traffic Control around Hattiesburg

MDOT will be enforcing the following procedures in the Hattiesburg area to avoid severe congestion at the intersections of three major routes.

- **Northbound traffic on Hwy 49** may NOT be allowed to exit at either Hwy 98 or I-59.
- **Northbound traffic on I-59** can ONLY exit at Hwy 11 (Exit 60) or West on Hardy Street/Hwy 98 (Exit 65).
- **Westbound traffic on Hwy 98** will NOT be allowed to exit onto Hwy 49, but directed to merge onto I-59 instead.

Radio Coverage Areas

Mississippi
Public Broadcasting
FM Radio



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HURRICANE EVACUATION MAP

PRIMARY EVACUATION ROUTES
ALTERNATE EVACUATION ROUTES
OTHER STATE HIGHWAYS
HOSPITALS WITH 24 HOUR EMERGENCY ROOM FACILITIES
REST AREA WITH COMPLETE FACILITIES
WELCOME CENTER

ROUTE MARKERS
INTERSTATE
UNITED STATES
STATE

SCALE IN MILES
SCALE IN KILOMETERS
SCALE: ONE INCH EQUALS APPROXIMATELY 12 MILES

EVACUATION ROUTE
FOR INFORMATION TUNE RADIO TO XXX.X FM EVERY QUARTER HOUR
HURRICANE EMERGENCY INFORMATION SIGN

To Evergreen & Interstate Hwy 65
To U.S Hwy 43
To Tuscaloosa
To Montgomery

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Biloxi WMAH
90.3 FM RADIO
TV Ch. 19 (Ch. 16 DT)

Booneville WMAE
89.5 FM RADIO
TV Ch. 12 (Ch. 55 DT)

Bude WMAU
88.9 FM RADIO
TV Ch. 17 (Ch. 18 DT)

Columbia Translator
W45AA TV Ch. 45

Greenwood WMAO
90.9 FM RADIO
TV Ch. 23 (Ch. 25 DT)

Hattiesburg Translator
W47BP TV Ch. 47

Jackson WMPN
91.3 FM RADIO
TV Ch. 29 (Ch. 20 DT)

Meridian WMAW
88.1 FM RADIO
TV Ch. 14 (Ch. 44 DT)

Miss. State WMAB
89.9 FM RADIO
TV Ch. 02 (Ch. 10 DT)

Oxford WMAV
90.3 FM RADIO
TV Ch. 18 (Ch. 36 DT)

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