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**HURRICANE ISIDORE INFORMATION**  
**MISSISSIPPI EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**



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The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) is closely monitoring the projected path of Tropical Storm Isidore. The following information is being provided to citizens to aid in their safe response to Tropical Storm Isidore.

**SOUTH MISSISSIPPI CASINO CLOSINGS:**

The Mississippi Gaming Commission, based on the recommendations of local civil defense directors, has ordered the South Mississippi Casinos to close their gambling establishments at 10:00 a.m. on 9/25/02. This is due to higher than normal tides and rainfall associated with Tropical Storm Isidore. The primary concern is the safety of the patrons and casino employees. The casinos will re-open when the Gaming Commission feels that the threat of severe weather has passed and it is deemed safe for patrons to return.

The Mississippi Gaming Commission's agents are on board to insure that the closings are done in accordance with the commission's policies and procedures.

*Contact Rich Randall at 228-865-4185 for more information.*

**HARRISON COUNTY**

The following Harrison County shelters **will open at 1:00 p.m. today**, 9/25/02, for MS evacuees on the Gulf Coast:

**Biloxi:**

Biloxi Junior High School                      1424 Father Ryan Ave

**Gulfport:**

Gulfport High School                      100 Perry Street

North Gulfport 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade                      Illinois Ave

**Harrison County:**

D'Iberville High School                      1000 Gorenflo Rd

Harrison Central Elementary                      15451 Dedeaux Rd

Harrison Central High School                      15600 School Rd

Pineville Elementary                      5192 Menge Ave

West Wortham Elementary                      20199 West Wortham Rd

**Pass Christian:**

Delisle Elementary                      6303 W. Whitman Rd

**Long Beach:**

Quarles Elementary                      Commission Road, LB

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