UPDATED: State government offices to remain closed in 16 Louisiana parishes Friday, reopening in all others

Baton Rouge, La. - Due to continuing concerns over flooding, road conditions, and power outages caused by Tropical Storm Isaac, Commissioner of Administration Paul Rainwater announced that Louisiana state government offices will remain closed on Friday, August 31, in the following parishes:

- Plaquemines
- St. Bernard
- Orleans
- Jefferson
- Lafourche
- Terrebonne
- Assumption
- Ascension
- Livingston
- St. Helena
- Tangipahoa
- Washington
- St. Tammany
- St. James
- St. Charles
- St. John the Baptist

State offices in all other parishes, including East Baton Rouge, will reopen Friday. However, department heads should exercise discretion if they have a particular circumstance, such as a building without power, that prevents them from reporting to work within the state.