BATON ROUGE -- The Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) today announced locations where residents of nine parishes can finalize their application for Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (DNSAP) benefits. Additional sites will be announced as the need arises or as additional parishes are approved for DSNAP.

DSNAP, formerly called Disaster Food Stamps, provides food assistance for eligible households who do not receive regular SNAP benefits and who need help buying groceries due to lost income or damages following a disaster.

Each site will serve applicants on a staggered alphabetic schedule. To minimize wait times, applicants and anyone who pre-applied for benefits should go to a DSNAP location only on the day indicated by the first letter of their last name. Applicants who are unable to visit a site on their designated day can go on the final two days each site is open. Applicants can visit any DSNAP site to receive benefits; they are not required to visit the DSNAP site in their parish of residence.

The following location will be open Wednesday, September 5 to Wednesday, September 12 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., but will be CLOSED for the day on Sunday, September 9.

• St. Bernard - Christian Fellowship Church, 5816 E. Judge Perez Dr., Violet (8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.) Residents must park at Meraux Winn Dixie on the corner of Legend & Judge Perez. Shuttle service will be provided to and from the church. No walk-ins or drive-ups will be taken.

The above sites will follow the following schedule:

Wednesday, September 5 A through C

Thursday, September 6 D through G

Sunday, September 9 CLOSED

Monday, September 10 H through L

State implements changes to Food Stamp Application Process