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## **211 Registry for Evacuation of Those with Special Needs**

Tropical Storm Ernesto continues to track westward off the coast of Venezuela. The National Weather Service forecasts that Ernesto will enter the Gulf of Mexico as a Category 1 Hurricane late Tuesday, Aug. 29, 2006 or early Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2006.

Anyone with special needs (which includes those without transportation), should call 211 immediately to register. This will ensure their space on evacuation buses and in shelters if evacuation becomes necessary. **At this time there are no evacuation plans anywhere along the Gulf Coast.**

**This is a precaution only: There are no current evacuation orders or recommendations for evacuation.**

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