

STORM UPDATE AUGUST 21, 2023

New Horizons Charter Academy



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Hello NHCA please know that students are expected at school daily, and New Horizons Charter Academy is prepared for emergencies.

Our school is prepared with emergency water, food, first aid supplies, and search and rescue equipment. In an emergency we join with the LAUSD site to access their resources as well as stock our own emergency supplies.

School emergency information sources for parents

- One Call (please make sure you are receiving out one call notifications by phone and or text)
- Please check our school instagram and website for updates
- Class Dojo teachers updates
- Before and after school programs Think Together
- Please pull up to the curve for drop off and pick up
 - all the way to the front
 - Your child will be met at the curve by our staff
 - Please be mindful not to hold up traffic, so other children can exit quickly.



Rainy Day at New Horizon Charter

- Students will arrive at normal schedules and go directly to their classroom
- Nutrition and Lunch will be in their classrooms
- Please send students in rain boots and weather appropriate foot wear.
- We have very little overhead coverage so rain jackets and umbrellas are helpful
- Pack extra socks for little ones please

- National Weather Service for Los Angeles Area -

<http://www.weather.gov/lox>

- LA County rain resources -

<http://ready.lacounty.gov/rain>

- Disaster preparedness

<http://www.redcross.org/prepare>

- Disaster preparedness

<http://www.ready.gov/natural-disasters>



- **Watch:** Conditions are favorable for an event; usually covers a large area and timeframe.
- **Advisory:** Conditions are likely to occur but not severe enough to prompt a warning.
- **Warning:** An event is already occurring or is likely to occur immediately. Warnings are only issued for severe events that threaten life safety.



STORM TIPS

for NHCA Families

- Check the weather forecast and have children dress appropriately for weather expected throughout the day. Send extra clothing if needed.
- If your child has a disability or medical condition, discuss the impact of flooding, power outages or other weather effects with your child's teachers.



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- Avoid areas subject to sudden flooding. If you are caught outdoors during a heavy rain or flood, climb to high ground and stay there.
 - Stay back from rushing water, as during flash floods water can increase suddenly.
 - If you come upon a flowing stream where water is above your ankles, STOP! Turn around and go another way.
 - Don't walk through flooded areas. As little as six inches of moving water can knock over an adult.
 - Children should NEVER play around high water, storm drains, viaducts, or arroyos.
 - Stay away from downed power lines and electrical wires. Electrocutation is another major source of deaths in floods. Electric current passes easily through water.

- Remind children never to play in river/creek channels or storm drains. A few inches of water can easily knock someone off their feet.
- Keep emergency contact information updated. If weather-related changes are made to school schedules and activities, you will be notified by phone and/or email.



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- **Headlights on** will help you see better on foggy or rainy days and it will help other drivers see you.
 - **Increase following distance** and watch for brake lights ahead.
 - **Slow down.** It takes longer to stop in wet weather, and the faster you drive, the greater the chances of hydroplaning.
 - **Turn around, don't drown.** Never drive through moving flood waters. It takes just 12 inches of water to move a car.