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ASCENSION PARISH GOVERNMENT TO CLOSE AT 1 PM TODAY AHEAD OF IMPENDING INCLEMENT WEATHER

GONZALES, LA- In anticipation of impending severe weather conditions, Parish President Clint Cointment has announced the closure of all Parish offices at 1:00 p.m. today. This proactive measure is to ensure the safety of all employees, allowing them time to commute home before the expected inclement weather anticipated for later this afternoon.

All scheduled Parish meetings after 1:00 p.m. will be canceled. Essential employees have been activated. All pump stations across the parish are being manned and monitored at this time.

This closure is based on information from the National Weather Service which warned of potentially severe storms that may impact the area.

"I want to assure the public that we are taking every possible precaution," says Parish President Clint Cointment. "Our Department of Public Works (DPW) and drainage crews are on full standby and alert to address any arising concerns promptly."

In an effort to enhance emergency communication, President Cointment encourages residents to sign up for the Everbridge Emergency Alert system, a free service capable of notifying of potential emergencies via cell, text, email, or landline telephone. Interested parties can register by visiting everbridge.apgov.us.

For those without computer access, contact the Citizen Service Center at 225-450-1200. Or for more information, ascensionparish.net/departments/homeland-security.