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The background of the page is a satellite image showing two large hurricanes with distinct eye walls over the Caribbean and Atlantic oceans. A thick blue wavy line separates the top header area from the main image.

GENERAL HURRICANE INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF

Hurricane Preparedness Checklist



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So far, there have already been three (3) named storms this hurricane season which began on June 1.

Names are only given to tropical storms that have sustained wind speeds higher than 39 mph. These names will stay with the storm as it reaches hurricane strength (maximum sustained winds of 74 mph or higher)

In advance of a tropical storm or hurricane, you will need to prepare a hurricane kit with essential supplies and personal items. This kit will allow you to be ready should you need to evacuate to a shelter or in the event that you lose electricity or communication. We recommend packing these items into a regular sized suitcase so that you can move quickly if necessary:



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Important documents (passport, visa, insurance cards, immunization records, credit cards) in a Ziploc bag or air/water tight container



Bottled water that can sustain you for five (5) days (1 gallon per person per day)



Non-perishable food items that can sustain you for five (5) days (canned goods, peanut butter, crackers, granola bars, trail mix, cereals)



Manual, non-electric can opener



Pillow, blanket and/or sleeping bag



Supply of personal medication for up to five (5) days (If Needed)



First-aid kit (pain relievers, Band-Aids, antibacterial ointment, insect repellent)

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Portable radio and batteries



Rain gear including closed toe shoes or boots



A full change of clothing for two (2) days



Personal hygiene toiletries (soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo, toilet paper, and bath towel)



Plastic garbage bags



Flashlight and extra batteries



Fully charged phone and charger



Cash (ATMs may not work for some time)

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