

**Media Advisory #6**  
**Tropical Storm Jeanne Airport and Airline Update**  
Released: Sept. 26, 2004, 6:15 p.m.

**Southwest Florida International Airport remains open and no additional airline schedule changes have been announced in response to Tropical Storm Jeanne. Flight schedules are expected to return to normal tomorrow, Monday, Sept. 27, 2004.**

**The following is a recap of schedule announcements made by the airlines at noon today:**

- **Continental Airlines:** Cancelled all flights today **except their 10:15 p.m. arrival which WILL operate as scheduled.**
- **United Airlines:** Cancelled all flights today **except their 10:26 p.m. arrival which WILL operate as scheduled.**
- **JetBlue:** Cancelled today until their **6:30 p.m. arrival, which WILL operate as scheduled.** Will also have an extra flight this evening arriving at 8:15 and departing around 9:00 p.m.
- **Spirit:** All flights continue to operate as scheduled.
- **USAirways:** Cancelled all flights today **except their three evening arrivals, which WILL operate as scheduled.** Includes a flight from Philadelphia scheduled to arrive at 8:49 and two flights from Charlotte scheduled to arrive at 8:07 p.m. and 11:41 p.m.
- **AirTran:** Has not announced any cancellations; operating as scheduled.
- **American Eagle:** Will resume Miami service this evening starting with their 5:48 p.m. arrival.
- **American Airlines:** Cancelled all flights today **except their 9:27 arrival from Miami and their 10:17 flight from Dallas-Fort Worth, which WILL operate as scheduled.**
- **ATA:** Two evening flights scheduled to arrive at 5:15 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. **WILL operate as scheduled.**
- **USA 3000:** Cancelled all flights today.

Those planning to fly or meet passengers within the next 12-18 hours are encouraged to confirm the status of their specific flight with their respective airline through the airline 800 number or Web site. **Please urge people who are unable to contact their airlines to visit the airport's Web site - [www.SWFIA.com](http://www.SWFIA.com) - click on "Flight Info" and then "Arrivals/Departures" in order to check the status of flights schedule to arrive and depart Southwest Florida International Airport.** The airline reservations centers are extremely busy due to the number of cities impacted by Hurricane Jeanne. Since their individual web sites also may not be accurate, the airlines operating at Southwest Florida International airport have been asked to update the airport's Flight Information Display system as soon as they have schedule changes.

The airport is monitoring the storm and communicating with the airlines on a regular basis. We will forward information about any changes in flight schedules should we receive any from the airlines via media advisories like this. Please note that information may not be an all-inclusive report on the status of flights at Southwest Florida International Airport.

Southwest Florida International Airport is currently open and will remain open (regardless of flight activity) unless there is debris on the runway that prevents aircraft operations.

Thanks for keeping your viewers/listeners informed. **If they have questions about flight schedules, please encourage them to contact their respective airlines, or the airport's web site instead of calling the airport. At this time, the airport's Flight Information Display, which can be accessed in real time on the airport's web site, will probably be the most accurate source of information as long as local airline personnel keep it up-to-date.**

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**Media Advisory #5**  
**Hurricane Jeanne Airport and Airline Update**  
Released: Sept. 26 2004, 1:11 p.m.

**Southwest Florida International Airport is open, however there have been some additional airline schedule changes in response to Hurricane Jeanne. The following airlines recently made schedule announcements:**

- \* Continental Airlines: Cancelled all flights today except their 10:15 p.m. arrival which WILL operate as scheduled.
- \* United Airlines: Cancelled all flights today except their 10:26 p.m. arrival which WILL operate as scheduled.
- \* jetBlue: Canceled today until their 6:30 p.m. arrival, which WILL operate as scheduled. Will also have an extra flight this evening arriving at 8:15 and departing around 9:00 p.m.
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- \* ATA: Two evening flights scheduled to arrive at 5:15 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. WILL operate as scheduled.
- \* USA 3000: Cancelled all flights today.

Most airlines are expecting to resume their normal schedules as quickly as possible tomorrow -- Sept. 27. Those planning to fly or meet passengers within the next 24 hours are strongly encouraged to confirm the status of their specific flight with their respective airline through the airline 800 number or Web site. Please urge people who are unable to contact their airlines to visit the airport's Web site - [www.SWFIA.com](http://www.SWFIA.com) - click on "Flight Info" and then "Arrivals/Departures" in order to check the status of flights schedule to arrive and depart Southwest Florida International Airport. The airline reservations centers are extremely busy due to the number of cities impacted by Hurricane Jeanne. Since their individual web sites also may not be accurate, the airlines operating at Southwest Florida International airport have been asked to update the airport's Flight Information Display system as soon as they have schedule changes.

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## **IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Saturday, September 26, 2004 at 12:45 PM**

(Hurricane Jeanne Media Advisory - Sept 26, 2004, 12:45 PM Daily Update)

**Local emergency managers and public safety agencies held a 11 AM briefing today to discuss preparations for Hurricane Jeanne.**

### **Here's the latest:**

- The Red Cross is managing the Alico Arena at FGCU as a shelter to HOST EAST COAST FLORIDIANS fleeing hurricane Jeanne. Currently 150 individuals are at the shelter. Anyone seeking shelter should go to Alico Arena located at Florida Gulf Coast University. The shelter's capacity is 1,500.
- Lee County is expecting 1 to 2 inches of rain. 40+ MPH winds in Lee County could exist until 3 P.M. with stronger gusts along the coast up to 6 P.M. Expected storm surge could be 3 to 5 feet. Lee County EOC is urging residents to closely monitor the media and review preparedness plans.
- The upper reaches of the Caloosahatchee River can expect up to 5 feet of storm surge above normal water level until 8 P.M. tonight. This will cause flooding in the low lying areas along the river. Residents should protect their property as best as possible and stay away from away from all swollen rivers and streams.
- The following areas are reporting flooding:
  - Ft. Myers Beach is experiencing flooding at Cressent Street, 1st Street, 2nd Street and 3rd Street.
  - East side of Sanibel Island.
  - Pine Island at St. James City and Bokeelia in the Pineland area.
  - Riverside Drive near the Cape Coral Bridge.
  - East Ft. Myers at E. Riverside Drive has reported flooding.
- Ft. Myers Beach Fire Rescue Department has requested that residents and visitors avoid going to the beaches today. The winds remain very strong and storm surge flooding is ongoing. It is dangerous to be on the beaches.
- Those requiring assistance from the American Red Cross as a result of damage experienced from Hurricane Jeanne can call (239) 278-3401.
- The next local meeting/briefing for emergency managers at the EOC will be 5:15 P.M. on Sunday, September 26, 2004.

Information listed BELOW is being repeated from previous news releases from the Lee County EOC...

- For Lee County citizens, NO evacuations have been ordered.
- Lee County Emergency Operations Center is at partial activation ( level 2. ) Departments represented there are, Lee County Public Safety, Transportation & Roads, Lee County Public Health Department, law enforcement, fire districts and the Red Cross.
- The hurricane hotline is up & running at 477-1900. All citizens with hurricane related questions should call that number.

**Media Advisory #4  
Hurricane Jeanne Airport and Airline Update**

**Southwest Florida International Airport is open, however there have been some additional airline schedule changes in response to Hurricane Jeanne.**

**The following airlines recently announced cancellations:**

- \* Continental Airlines: Cancelled all flights through 5:50 p.m. today
- \* USA 3000: Cancelled all flights today.
- \* United Airlines: Cancelled all flights today.
- \* US Airways: All flights canceled until the first late evening arrival..
- \* American Eagle: Cancelled all flights to Miami today.
- \* jetBlue: Canceled all flights until their first evening arrival.

As the weather continues to change, so may flight schedules. Those planning to fly or meet passengers within the next 24 hours are strongly encouraged to confirm the status of their specific flight with their respective airline through the airline 800 number or Web site. Another option is to visit the airport's Web site - [www.SWFIA.com](http://www.SWFIA.com) - click on "Flight Info" and then "Arrivals/Departures."

The airport is closely monitoring the storm and communicating with the airlines on a regular basis. We will forward information about any changes in flight schedules that we receive from airlines via media advisories like this. Please note that information may not be an all-inclusive report on the status of flights at Southwest Florida International Airport.

Southwest Florida International Airport is currently open and will remain open (regardless of flight activity) unless there is debris on the runway that prevents aircraft operations.

Thanks for keeping viewers/listeners informed and encouraging them to contact their respective airlines as opposed to the airport.

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Released: Sept. 26 2004, 9:41 a.m.

**Media Advisory #3**  
**Hurricane Jeanne Airport & Airline Update**

Released: Sept. 25, 2004, 7:30 p.m.

**Southwest Florida International Airport is open.** Most airlines will continue to operate normal schedules throughout the evening, however, some late night flights will not arrive as scheduled. As a result of these schedule changes and the weather, many of tomorrow's early morning flights may be cancelled or delayed.

**The following airlines recently announced cancellations:**

- **USAirways:** Cancelled all flights after 4 p.m. today, 9/25.
- **Continental Connection:** Cancelled all Tampa flights on Sunday, 9/26.
- **Cape Air:** Cancelled early morning Key West flights on Sunday, 9/26.

**Following is a recap of cancellations announced earlier today (via Media Alert #2):**

- **American Eagle:** Cancelled all flights to Miami for the remainder of today and tomorrow (Sunday) morning.
- **American Airlines:** Cancelled tonight's arrival from Dallas/Fort Worth as well as the Sunday morning departure.
- **Delta Airlines:** Cancelled service to Orlando for the rest of today.

As the weather continues to change, so may flight schedules. Those planning to fly or meet passengers within the next 24 to 48 hours are strongly encouraged to confirm the status of their specific flight with their respective airline through the airline 800 number or Web site. Another option is to visit the airport's Web site - [www.SWFIA.com](http://www.SWFIA.com) - click on "Flight Info" and then "Arrivals/Departures."

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## **IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Saturday, September 25, 2004 at 6:00 PM**

(Hurricane Jeanne Media Advisory - Sept 25, 2004, 6 PM Daily Update)

**Local emergency managers and public safety agencies held a 5 PM briefing today to discuss preparations for Hurricane Jeanne.**

**Here's the latest:**

- **The Red Cross is managing the Alico Arena at FGCU as a shelter to HOST EAST COAST FLORIDIANS fleeing hurricane Jeanne. Currently 85 individuals are at the shelter. The shelter's capacity is 1,500.**
- **If hurricane Jeanne stays on its current projected course, Lee County is expecting to see 1 to 3 inches of rain. 30+ MPH winds in western Lee County and 40+ MPH winds in eastern Lee County could exist between 10 PM tonight to 10 AM on Sunday. Expected storm surge could be 1 to 4 feet. REMEMBER, the forecasted tracks are subject to variability. Lee County EOC is urging residents to closely monitor the media and review preparedness plans as forecasted tracks are variable.**
- **The next local meeting/briefing for emergency managers at the EOC will be 11:00 AM on Sunday, September 26.**

**Information listed BELOW is being repeated from previous news releases from the Lee County EOC...**

- **For Lee County citizens, NO evacuations have been ordered and NO shelters are expected to be opened, including special needs shelters. Because of the expected weather resulting from Jeanne, Emergency Managers are encouraging Lee County citizens to ride out the weather at home.**
- **Lee County Emergency Operations Center is at partial activation ( level 2. ) Departments represented there are, Lee County Public Safety, Transportation & Roads, Lee County Public Health Department, law enforcement, fire districts and the Red Cross.**
- **The hurricane hotline is up & running at 477-1900. All citizens with hurricane related questions should call that number.**

**Media Advisory #2**  
**Hurricane Jeanne Airport & Airline Update**

Released: Sept. 25, 2004, 1:05 p.m.

**Southwest Florida International Airport is open.** Most airlines continue to operate normal schedules however the following airlines have announced cancellations:

**CANCELLATIONS:**

- \* American Eagle: Canceled all flights to Miami for the remainder of today and tomorrow (Sunday) morning.
- \* American Airlines: Canceled tonight's arrival from Dallas/Fort Worth as well as the Sunday morning departure.
- \* Delta Airlines: Cancelled service to Orlando for the rest of today.

As the weather continues to change, so may flight schedules. Those planning to fly or meet passengers within the next 24 to 48 hours are strongly encouraged to confirm the status of their specific flight with their respective airline through the airline 800 number or Web site. Another option is to visit the airport's Web site - [www.SWFIA.com](http://www.SWFIA.com) - click on "Flight Info" and then "Arrivals/Departures."

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**IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Saturday, September 25, 2004 at Noon**

(Hurricane Jeanne Media Advisory - Sept 25, 2004, Noon Daily Update)

**Local emergency managers and public safety agencies held a 11:00 AM briefing today to discuss preparations for Hurricane Jeanne.**

**Here's the latest:**

\*\*\*For Lee County citizens, NO evacuations have been ordered and NO shelters are expected to be opened, including special needs shelters. If hurricane Jeanne stays on its current projected course, Lee County is expecting to see 2 to 4 inches of rain and 30+ MPH winds in western Lee County and 40+ MPH winds in eastern Lee County. Because of the expected weather resulting from Jeanne, Emergency Managers are encouraging Lee County citizens to ride out the weather at home.

\*\*\*The Red Cross will be opening Alico Arena at FGCU today at 1 PM as a shelter to HOST EAST COAST FLORIDIANS fleeing hurricane Jeanne.

\*\*\*Lee County Emergency Operations Center is at partial activation ( level 2. ) Departments represented there are, Lee County Public Safety, Transportation & Roads, Lee County Public Health Department, law enforcement, fire districts and the Red Cross.

\*\*\*The hurricane hotline is up & running at 477-1900. All citizens with hurricane related questions should call that number.

\*\*\*The next local meeting/briefing for emergency managers at the EOC will be 5:00 PM today.

\*\*\*REMEMBER, the forecasted tracks are subject to variability. Lee County EOC is urging residents to closely monitor the media and review preparedness plans as forecasted tracks are variable.

**Media Advisory #1:  
Hurricane Jeanne Airport & Airline Update**

Released: Sept. 28, 2004, 9:45 p.m.

**Southwest Florida International Airport is open and flights are operating as scheduled at this time.**

**Those planning to fly or meet passengers within the next 24 hours are urged to contact their respective airlines** via the airline 800 number or Web site to confirm the status of their specific flights. Another option is to check the airport's Web site at [www.SWFIA.com](http://www.SWFIA.com) by clicking on "Flight Info" and then "Arrivals/Departures."

The airport is closely monitoring the storm and communicating with the airlines on a regular basis. We will forward information about any changes in flight schedules that we receive from airlines via media advisories like this. Please note that information may not be an all-inclusive report on the status of flights at Southwest Florida International Airport.

The airport will remain open (regardless of flight activity) unless there is debris on the runway that prevents aircraft operations.

Thanks for keeping viewers/listeners informed and encouraging them to contact their respective **airlines** as opposed to the airport.

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## **IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Friday, September 24, 2004 at 3 p.m.**

### **(Hurricane Jeanne Media Advisory - 3 p.m. Daily Update)**

Local emergency managers and agencies held a 3 p.m. briefing today to discuss preparations for Hurricane Jeanne. Here's the latest:

- The current forecasted storm track has Jeanne hitting the east coast of Florida, then tracking to the north along the coast.
- Based on that track, Lee County could experience tropical storm force winds of 30-38 mph beginning late Saturday night to Sunday noon.
- Rainfall predicted at 1-2 inches of rain on the coast and 2-4 inches inland.
- Lee County EOC is recommending no evacuations or shelter openings, including special needs shelters, at this time.
- A decision about whether to open some shelters to host evacuees from the east coast will be made Saturday morning.
- The Lee EOC will partially activate (level 2) at 7 a.m. Sat. morning; and the storm information hotline, 477-1900, will be activated at that time.
- The next local briefing will be at 11 a.m. Saturday.
- REMEMBER, the forecasted tracks are subject to variability. Lee County EOC is urging residents to closely monitor the media, and review preparedness plans as forecasted tracks are variable.