



NANTUCKET
COTTAGE HOSPITAL



**Nantucket Cottage Hospital
Remains Open during Hurricane Irene**
Some scheduled appointments have been changed

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**For urgent medical care or hospital information,
508-825-8100**

In an emergency, call 911

Nantucket Cottage Hospital remains open and available for urgent or emergency medical care throughout the duration of Hurricane Irene.

Hurricane Irene has weakened a bit as of Saturday morning, but the storm continues advancing toward our immediate region. The Massachusetts coastline remains under a Hurricane Warning. The impacts of the storm could range from moderate to severe, with strong winds expected to begin early Sunday afternoon.

Whatever the severity of the storm, Nantucket Cottage Hospital will remain open and available around the clock for urgent or emergency medical care leading up to and throughout the duration of the storm. Some previously scheduled clinic appointments and procedures have been moved up, delayed or postponed. Patients should call their doctors or the relevant hospital department to determine whether their appointment times have been changed.

Hospital officials suggest that everyone prepare their families and homes for possible affects of the storm by stocking up on emergency water, food and power supplies. The Town of Nantucket has encouraged everyone on the Island to plan on sheltering in place, with a decision to be made later about public emergency shelters if needed.

The hospital's Emergency Preparedness team, working with the Nantucket Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and state officials, has extensive emergency disaster plans in place to ensure plentiful medical supplies and staffing. Those in need of urgent medical care may visit our Emergency Department. Please call 911 in a medical emergency. For further suggestions on personal emergency preparedness, see the NEMA guidelines from the Town of Nantucket at http://www.nantucket-ma.gov/Pages/NantucketMA_BComm/nema.