

Important Notice Regarding the Potential Saltwater Intrusion

Dear Xavier Parents:

We hope this message finds you well. Recent environmental developments have raised the possibility that the city of New Orleans could face a saltwater intrusion in mid to late October. Saltwater intrusion occurs when saltwater from nearby bodies of water, such as the Gulf of Mexico, infiltrates freshwater aquifers or surface waters. This can affect water quality and availability of fresh water sources in the Greater New Orleans area.

Tap water throughout the city is currently safe for regular use, including drinking, and the university is taking steps to ensure the water on campus remains safe.

Xavier University of Louisiana wants to assure you that we are closely monitoring this situation in collaboration with local leaders, public health officials, and environmental experts. Our primary concern is the well-being and health of our students, faculty, and staff, as well as the surrounding neighborhood.

Xavier is actively monitoring water quality to ensure it remains safe for consumption and other campus uses. Xavier is doing its part to conserve water and water resources while still taking the necessary steps to maintain clean and fresh water for campus use.

Please check your email and the university's website regularly for updates. Review your student's emergency preparedness plan just as you would in the event of a hurricane. Make sure that you and your loved ones have essential supplies on hand and stay informed about the city's emergency protocols.

Xavier University of Louisiana remains committed to providing a healthy and conducive learning environment for its students. We sincerely appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we navigate this situation. The situation continues to evolve, and Xavier will adapt and keep you informed of the measures taken. Be confident that the university is doing everything possible to address and mitigate any potential issues related to saltwater intrusion.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Xavier will continue to work with you to maintain the well-being of your student and of our Xavier University of Louisiana community.

Sincerely,
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