



Employee Communication Alerts: Where to Find the Information You Need

During any unusual situation, the IRS uses several communications channels to share information with employees when they don't have access to their work computers. If you're aware of a situation that may result in IRS office closures, employees should monitor your local news and refer to the following places for official information:

Employee Emergency page on IRS.gov (www.irs.gov/employee)

- The IRS external website is the central repository for frequently asked questions, leadership messages and critical documentation that employees may need when they cannot access their work computers.
- Just type the address directly or enter "Employee Emergency" in the IRS.gov search box.

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Due to the lapse in appropriations, most IRS operations are closed. An IRS-wide furlough began on December 22, 2018, for everyone except already-identified excepted employees. Non-excepted employees are furloughed and placed in a non-pay and non-duty status until further notice.

For continuing information on the furlough, IRS employees are encouraged to monitor this page, news outlets, OPM.gov and the 24/7 Emergency Hotline — **866-743-5748**. For TTY access (Federal Relay Service), call 800-877-8339.

We'll update this page as new information becomes available.

Employee Emergency Hotline: 866-743-5748

- Employees should select option 3 and follow the prompts to hear information on local office closures or other emergency information.

IRS Social Media

- IRS will share information about emergencies via three social media platforms. Employees can follow these at home or on their smartphone:
 - Twitter: [www.twitter.com/IRSnews](https://twitter.com/IRSnews)
 - Facebook: www.facebook.com/IRS
 - LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/irs/>