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IDOT reminds public to stay safe around flood waters

Heavy rain causes damage on I-55 near Bloomington

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Transportation today reminded pedestrians and motorists to be aware and understand that travel could be severely impacted with more rain in the forecast this week. IDOT is monitoring weather conditions and will continue to respond as necessary to any flooding situations that may occur.

Over the weekend, heavy, intense rain forced the closure of Interstate 55 in both directions south of Bloomington. Temporary repairs were made to the shoulder and I-55 re-opened Saturday afternoon after the interstate was closed late Friday. Permanent repairs will be scheduled at a later date.

IDOT reminds motorists that it only takes a few moments for your vehicle to be swept away by flooding and to take the following precautions:

- Do not attempt to drive through flooded roads: Turn around, don't drown.
- Even if a road covered by water seems shallow enough to cross, do not attempt to cross it.
- Seek higher ground if your vehicle stalls in a flooded area; do not attempt to push your vehicle out of the water.
- Anticipate longer driving distances and travel times to get to your destination.
- Please follow any posted detours.
- Keep your cell phone charged.
- Ask yourself if your trip is really necessary and can be postponed.

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