Annotation Guidelines

In this job, you will be presented with tweets collected during natural disasters. Review the tweets and determine different types of location mentions such as city, country, street, road, etc.

1 Read the tweet and understand its context carefully to identify the location mentions. For every location mention you identify, you have to do the following (in the following examples, correct location mentions are highlighted in green and mistakes are highlighted in orange):

- Highlight the exact location mention without any extra characters
  - Avoid highlighting any attached punctuation (e.g., ??)
    Are the roads flooded in manassas??
  - Avoid highlighting directions mentioned alone (e.g., southwest)
    This line of storms in Evangeline is moving to the southwest towards Allen, which will bring heavy rainfall #LAwx [url]
  - Avoid highlighting the propositions such as near, behind, along, etc.
    [user_mention] Navy rescue team deployed in Gandhi nagar area, beyond Adyar Bridge along Buckingham Canal
  - If the location name is a hashtag (and ignore the hash sign "#").
    #ChennaiRainsHelp #PrayforChennai -ATM r down Supermarkets r crowed, water out of stock n no electricity. stock up essentials #Chennai
- Highlight the directions **only if** they are attached to the location mention
  FWD cancels Flood Warning for North Bosque River at Valley Mills [TX] [url] #ntxwx
- Highlight consecutive location mentions separately (without prepositions).
  - FWD cancels Flood Warning for North Bosque River at Valley Mills [TX] [url] #ntxwx
  - Looks like Malad :p [user_mention]: Street flooding #NYC: 48th Ave between 5th and Center Blvd #Sandy [url]

The following cases are examples of locations that you **should NOT** highlight (examples are highlighted in orange):

- Places distinguished only by the occurrence of an event at that position are not location mentions:
  Donald Trump goes to Louisiana flooding site, spends a minute handing out Play-Doh, leaves [url]
- Location types are not location mentions:
  #SANDY ive never seen nyc look like this #HurricaneSandy the flooding is unreal long beach long island
- Locations that are part of a hashtag name is a hashtag:
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- General facilities with no specific indication of their accurate location (no specific name, branch, owner, etc.) are not location mentions.
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- ○ All the #mosque in chennai now open for food and stay. Thank you Allah !!
- When locations are mentioned just as a description in the tweet context. For example, Louisiana in the following tweet is used to describe the grilling way.
  Check out Louisiana Grills at Rich & John's "The Stove Shop" #summer #BBQ [url]
- The ambiguous locations that can not be resolved to a specific defined geographical entity such as "My home", "parents company building", etc.:
  - ○ My house was part of the Louisiana Flooding Disaster. [url] [url]
  - ○ when you get a new flowing river next to your parent's company building

2 Choose one of the location types from the drop list:

- **Continent**: one of the world's main continents (Europe, Asia, Africa, North and South America, Australia, Antarctica).
- **Country**: A country name in the entire world. There are 195 countries.
- **State**: a geographical area ruled by one government.
- **County**: a geographical division of larger states or countries.
- **City/town**: a large population settlement.
- **District**: an area of a country or city.
- **Island**: a subcontinental land that is surrounded by water.
- **Neighborhood**: a geographically incorporated or unincorporated community within a larger city, town, suburb, or rural area.
- **Road/street**: Streets, highways, subways, avenues, intersections of streets, bridges, etc.
- **Natural POI**: a feature that is part of the land and is not built by humans such as rivers, falls, seas, etc.
- **Human-made POI**: Human-made point-of-interests (POI) include schools, hospitals, restaurants, offices, centers, etc.
- **Other locations**: a location that does not belong to any of the above location types.