

North Carolina – Hurricane Erin July 17, 2025

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Press release August 19, 2025:

***“Governor Stein Declares State of Emergency Ahead of Hurricane Erin
Gov. Stein to Brief Media Tomorrow at 10:15 AM***

Raleigh, NC

Today Governor Stein declared a State of Emergency as North Carolina prepares for impacts from Hurricane Erin and mobilizes resources and personnel to assist along the coast. On Wednesday, August 20, at 10:15 a.m., Governor Stein will hold a media briefing to provide updates on the status of the storm.

*“Hurricane Erin will bring threats of coastal flooding, beach erosion, and dangerous surf conditions,” **said Governor Josh Stein.** “North Carolinians along the coast should get prepared now, ensure their emergency kit is ready, and listen to local emergency guidelines and alerts in the event they need to evacuate.”*

Local States of Emergency have been declared in Dare County and Hyde County, and mandatory evacuations are in place for Ocracoke and Hatteras islands. North Carolinians who have evacuated from the coast can find shelter at the State Operated Disaster Shelter, hosted by Warren County Emergency Management, located at 113 Wilcox Street in Warrenton, NC. Pets are allowed at this shelter.

Hurricane Erin is expected to increase in size and strength during the next 48 hours as it turns north. Forecasts anticipate that Hurricane Erin will cause extensive beach erosion with waves of 15 to 20 feet; coastal flooding that may impact roads, structures, and vehicles; and life-threatening rip currents

throughout the week. Tropical storm force winds will likely reach the coast, especially the Outer Banks on Wednesday and Thursday.

Now is the time for North Carolinians to conduct final preparations along the coast.

Be informed: *Follow reputable sources of information like the National Weather Service, local media, and your local emergency management agency. Follow the instructions of local officials to protect yourself and your family.*

Have a disaster kit: *If you are evacuating, take your disaster kit with you, along with your go-bag of important documents, cash, prescriptions, phone chargers, and insurance policies.*

Have a plan: *If you live in or are visiting potentially impacted areas, anticipate your evacuation route. Visit [KnowYourZone.NC.Gov](https://www.knowyourzone.nc.gov) for more information.*

Do not drive through flood waters: *We have seen too many cases of lives lost due to driving into flooded roadways. Turn around! Don't drown! For the most up-to-date roadway information, visit [DriveNC.Gov](https://www.drive.nc.gov).*

For more information from the State Emergency Response Team, visit [Hurricane Erin | Ready NC](https://www.hurricaneerin.com).

[Click here for more tips on how to be prepared in the event of a hurricane.](#)

[Click here to view Executive Order 20: Declaration of a State of Emergency and Temporary Waiver and Suspension of Motor Vehicle Regulations.](#) “

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Social media post 8/19/2025:

*“Tropical Storm & Storm Surge Warnings Now in Effect for Dare County
Dare County remains under a State of Emergency and a Mandatory Evacuation
for all of Hatteras Island (Zone A: Rodanthe through Hatteras Village).*

If you're still on Hatteras Island, evacuate now. Coastal flooding and overwash are already occurring on N.C. Hwy. 12 and conditions will only worsen with this evening's high tide. Once flooding increases, the road will become impassable and emergency services may be unable to reach you.

⚠ Ocean Safety: Double red flags are flying—no one may enter the ocean anywhere in Dare County. Experienced surfers are the only exception.

🔒 Dare County offices and facilities south of Oregon Inlet remain closed until the evacuation order is lifted. Offices north of Oregon Inlet remain open unless otherwise announced.

🔒 No commercial trash collection on Hatteras Island Wednesday, August 20; Buxton Transfer Station is closed until further notice.

🔒 Dare County Water will temporarily shut off service to an area located south of N.C. Highway 12 and along Old Lighthouse Road in Buxton by 5 p.m. Wednesday, August 20. Water will be restored to this area as soon as it is safe to do so.

View Dare County's Hurricane Erin Bulletin #4: [DareNC.gov/Erin](https://www.darenc.gov/Erin)

American Red Cross

American Red Cross – Northeastern North Carolina Chapter
700-A Cromwell Dr.
Greenville, NC 27858
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Please visit [Disaster Shelters](#) | [Find Shelters](#) | [American Red Cross](#) to view information on open shelters.

Department of Transportation

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[N.C. Department of Transportation](#)

Please visit [DriveNC.gov](#) | [North Carolina Traffic, Road Closures & Travel Information](#) to view current road conditions.

United Way/211 Information and Referrals Lines

These information and referral lines may know of additional resources currently providing assistance, such as food pantries, clothing closets, emergency shelters, and agencies offering financial assistance. Please dial 2-1-1 and provide your zip code and demographic information in order to receive referrals. Information can also be obtained at [Call 211 for Essential Community Services | United Way 211](#).

NC 211

Dial 211 or (888) 892-1162

[Home - NC 211](#)

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

(800) 621-3362

[FEMA.gov](#)

Please visit the website and click on “*Disaster Declarations*”. If a disaster is declared, please call to apply for assistance by phone, or visit: [Individual Assistance | FEMA.gov](#) to apply online.

DisasterAssistance.gov

[Home | disasterassistance.gov](#)

Offers information about local resources for disasters, including: FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs), Red Cross, food, shelter, state emergency management agencies, and hospital locators.

To determine if individual disaster assistance is available through FEMA, please visit the website and enter the address.

To locate your local state emergency management agency for disaster information and updates, please visit: [Search Your Location | FEMA.gov](#)

American Red Cross National

(800) 733-2767

[American Red Cross | Help Those Affected by Disasters](#)

National Weather Service

Weather alerts by state are available at: [Active Alerts \(weather.gov\)](#).

The Weather Channel

Local forecasts and severe weather. Please call or visit the website to locate your local chapter and open shelters.

[National and Local Weather Radar, Daily Forecast, Hurricane and information from The Weather Channel and weather.com.](#)

Safe Travel USA

[SafeTravelUSA](#)

National Traffic And Road Closure Information

[National Traffic and Road Closure Information | Federal Highway Administration \(dot.gov\)](#)

Free Help Line

Optum, a leading health and behavioral health services company, is offering a free emotional-support help line.

The toll-free number, 866-447-3573, will be open Monday-Friday, 8am-8pm CST. The service is free of charge and open to anyone. Specially trained Optum mental health specialists help people manage their stress and anxiety so they can continue to address their everyday needs. Callers may also receive referrals to community resources to help them with specific concerns, including financial and legal matters.

Along with the toll-free help line, emotional-support resources and information are available online at <https://www.liveandworkwell.com>