

Hurricane Florence

Resources for North Carolina, [South Carolina](#) , the [State of Virginia](#), [Maryland](#) and [Georgia](#) September 12, 2018

Office of the Governor

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Declaration of State of Emergency – September 7, 2018:

<https://files.nc.gov/governor/documents/files/EO51%20-%20Declaration%20of%20State%20of%20Emergency.pdf>

With Tropical Storm Florence forecast to strengthen as it heads toward the East Coast, Gov. Roy Cooper declared a State of Emergency and waived transportation rules to help farmers harvest and transport their crops more quickly.

“While it’s still too early to know the storm’s path, we know we have to be prepared,” Gov. Cooper said. “During harvest, time is of the essence. Action today can avoid losses due to Florence.”

To activate the transportation waiver, Gov. Cooper also signed [Executive Order No. 51](#), declaring a State of Emergency for the State of North Carolina on Friday.

Restrictions Lifted to Help Farmers Harvest Crops More Quickly

Today, Gov. Cooper signed [Executive Order No. 52](#), temporarily waiving the cap on maximum hours of service restrictions for trucks and heavy vehicles traveling in and through North Carolina and size and weight restrictions for trucks carrying crops and livestock.

The executive order will help gather and move crops in and through the state more easily and quickly in response to problems that could be caused by Tropical Storm Florence in North Carolina and along the East Coast.

Earlier today, Gov. Cooper said state emergency management officials are working with local and federal counterparts to prepare North Carolina for possible impacts from Florence. He also urged North Carolinians to take steps to prepare their families.

NC Emergency Management shared the following tips for preparing for a possible tropical storm or hurricane:

- Build an emergency kit.
- Make a family communications plan.
- Know the routes you need to leave your home (evacuation routes). Locate your local emergency shelters.
- Closely watch/listen to the weather reports. Listen every hour as a storm nears.
- Put fuel in all vehicles and withdraw some cash from the bank. Gas stations and ATMs may be closed after a hurricane.
- If authorities ask you to leave, do so quickly.

Additional safety tips can be found on the free [ReadyNC mobile app](#) or online at readync.org.

Department of Emergency Services

North Carolina Emergency Management

1636 Gold Star Drive

Raleigh, NC 27607

(919) 825-2500 – Main Switchboard

(800) 858-0368 – 24-hour Operations Center

<https://www.ncdps.gov/ncem>

<https://www.facebook.com/NCEmergency>

<https://twitter.com/NCEmergency>

Hurricane Florence 2018 storm information:

<https://www.ncdps.gov/florence>

The State Emergency Operations Center is currently at a Level 5, not activated.

Individuals can download the ReadyNC app for local information about traffic, shelters, food, evacuations, and more resources related to Hurricane Florence.

A list of County Emergency Management Agencies can be located at the following link:

<https://www.ncdps.gov/Emergency-Management/EM-Community/Directories/Counties>

Department of Transportation

North Carolina Department of Transportation

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Press Release – September 9, 2018

RALEIGH - With the latest forecast showing Florence likely to grow in strength and threaten the East Coast, Governor Roy Cooper on Sunday urged all North Carolina residents, businesses and visitors to prepare for the storm. The latest forecast from National Hurricane Center shows Florence becoming a major hurricane by early in the week and tracking toward the southeastern United States by later in the week.

"Everyone in North Carolina needs to keep a close eye on Florence and take steps now to get ready for impacts later this week," Gov. Cooper said. "State emergency management, transportation, health experts and others are making sure North Carolina is prepared for the storm, and I urge the public to review your emergency plans and gather your supplies now."

Florence is already being felt along the North Carolina coast, with large sea swells resulting in life threatening rip currents and surf. Beachgoers are urged to heed warnings from local officials and lifeguards. The potential for heavy inland rains and flooding means the entire state must be on alert, Cooper said.

Throughout the weekend, state officials are readying for potential impacts from a major hurricane:

- North Carolina remains under a [State of Emergency](#), declared by Gov. Cooper Friday. The governor also temporarily [waived certain restrictions for trucks and heavy vehicles](#) to help farmers harvest and move crops and livestock ahead of the storm and help utilities and other equipment be ready to respond if needed.
- N.C. Emergency Management experts are working to determine where to place resources ahead of the storm.

The State Emergency Operations Center plans to activate Monday at 1 p.m., and NCEM is coordinating with the counties, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and key partners in the State Emergency Response Team, which includes all state agencies plus utility representatives, private sector partners and volunteer agencies active during disasters.

State Emergency Management Director Mike Sprayberry on Saturday spoke with FEMA Administrator Brock Long about preparations for the storm, and NCEM is in frequent contact with the National Hurricane Center forecasters.

- N.C. Department of Transportation employees are readying hurricane response equipment, such as bulldozers, motor graders and chainsaws, to ensure it is in good working order and topping off fuel sites. Employees also are contacting local contractors and equipment providers to make sure resources are available to assist if needed.
- N.C. Department of Health and Human Services experts are reaching out to all 100 county Social Services offices to make sure they have reviewed their emergency preparedness plans, developed staffing schedules, and pulled together supplies in the event shelters are needed.

DHHS is also working with American Red Cross, North Carolina Baptists on Mission and other groups to make sure sheltering and feeding needs can be met, and public health experts will be reaching out to at-risk North Carolinians with critical health challenges to help them prepare for the storm.

- North Carolina's state parks, historic sites, museums and aquariums are monitoring Florence's potential track and performing necessary storm preparations, including securing the grounds, confirming generators are operable, fueling vehicles, and ensuring sufficient supplies are on hand to care for aquarium animals. State parks rangers and staff are on standby to lend support where needed for storm response.
- N.C. Department of Environmental Quality is mobilizing to support the State Emergency Operations Center with experts that can rapidly respond to any air and water quality concerns.

State public safety officials emphasized North Carolina's readiness for the storm.

"The State Emergency Response Team, which includes Emergency Management, the State Highway Patrol and the N.C. National Guard, is closely monitoring the storm and stands ready to deploy," Public Safety Secretary Erik A. Hooks said. "Our highly trained and experienced team has already been evaluating its resources and preparing to assist the public as needed."

"We are getting updates from the National Hurricane Center and FEMA as well as our other partners and drawing on everyone's experience to plan and prepare to respond to any need," Sprayberry said. "We are also staying in close contact with county and SERT partners to ensure all resource requests are met. We ask the public to stay tuned to your

local forecast and listen to your local emergency officials. Make sure you have a plan for yourself and your family members, to include your pets.”

North Carolina’s experience with inland hurricane damage such as river flooding and power outages during Hurricane Matthew in 2016 shows that hurricanes damage can go beyond coastal impacts, Cooper said.

“Experience has shown us that storms and heavy wind and rain can affect the entire state, so we must all be alert and ready,” he said.

Tips for Emergency Plans & Supplies Kit

- Be sure your emergency supply kits have enough bottled water and non-perishable food to sustain each family member for three to seven days.

Include a weather radio, flashlight, extra batteries, toiletries, change of clothes, blankets or sleeping bag, rain gear and appropriate footwear.

Also include cellphone charger, prescription medicines, copies of important documents, such as birth certificates and insurance policies.

- Know your evacuation route, and find out where friends and loved ones will be and how to get in touch with them.
- Plan for your pets. Gather supplies for your pets and put them in an easily-accessible container.
- Prepare your home. Clean out gutters and clear property of debris that could damage buildings in strong winds.
- Stay tuned to local news for the latest advisories from the National Weather Service and National Hurricane Center, as well as state and local emergency management officials.

Download the [Ready NC app](#) or follow N.C. Emergency Management on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for weather updates and to learn how you can prepare for the storm.

Road Conditions - Traveler Information Management System

<https://tims.ncdot.gov/tims>

Evacuation Routes -

No evacuations at this time.

<https://www.ncdot.gov/travel-maps/maps/Pages/evacuation-routes.aspx>

Ferry Service -

<https://www.ncdot.gov/travel-maps/ferry-tickets-services/Pages/default.aspx>

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 call and provide your zip code and demographic information in order to receive referrals.

From all local numbers, dial 2-1-1 or call (888) 892-1266.

Resource assistance is also available from the website at <https://www.nc211.org>

For Hurricane Preparedness, access <https://www.nc211.org/hurricane-preparedness>

American Red Cross of Eastern North Carolina

100 N Peartree Ln

Raleigh, NC 27610

(919) 231-1602

<https://www.redcross.org/local/north-carolina/eastern-north-carolina/about-us/locations.html>

No open shelters at this time.

Staff stated that they may have shelter information posted on their website, if needed, on Wednesday, September 12.

NATIONAL RESOURCES:

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA)

500 C Street SW
Washington, DC 20472
(800) 621-3362

<http://www.fema.gov>

<https://www.facebook.com/FEMA>

<https://twitter.com/fema>

Please visit the website and click on “*Disaster Declarations*”. If a disaster is declared, please call to apply for assistance by phone, or visit <http://www.fema.gov/apply-assistance> to apply online.

DISASTERASSISTANCE.GOV

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

Hurricane Florence Resources for South Carolina September 12, 2018

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Declaration of State of Emergency – September 8, 2018:

<https://governor.sc.gov/Newsroom/Pages/GovHenryMcMasterDeclaresStateofEmergencytoPrepareforPotentialImpactfromTropicalStormFlorence.aspx>

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Governor Henry McMaster today issued an executive order declaring a state of emergency and, along with the S.C. Emergency Management Division, has urged South Carolinians to prepare for the possibility of Hurricane Florence impacting the state. The executive order enables all state agencies to coordinate resources in preparation for Hurricane Florence.

[A copy of the governor's executive order can be found here.](#)

“This storm is too powerful and its path is too uncertain to take any chances,” McMaster said. “We are mobilizing the state’s resources to make sure we are prepared, and the people of South Carolina must not hesitate to prepare for the possibility of a hurricane impacting our coast.”

Members of the state’s Emergency Response Team (SERT) will begin reviewing plans and notifying response staff should they be needed. Governor McMaster and SCEMD Director Kim Stenson will continue to hold conference calls with county emergency managers, SERT agencies and local National Weather Service offices. The agencies on these coordination calls share information and discuss emergency plans in advance of any response to the storm.

“If you experienced Hurricane Irma last year, Hurricane Matthew in 2016, or even the Flood in 2015: think about all the supplies you didn’t have or safety measures you didn’t have time to implement,” Stenson said. “Now is the time to make sure you have everything you may need: check your emergency supplies, prepare your home and your property and have a plan for where you will go if the worst-case scenario becomes reality.”

People in potentially vulnerable areas should review personal safety plans, including:

Know Your Hurricane Evacuation Zone: If evacuation becomes necessary, information for residents will be broadcast by coastal evacuation zone. Residents can locate their zone by visiting scemd.org, downloading the [SC Emergency Manager mobile app](#) and by referring the [2018 S.C. Hurricane Guide](#).

Prepare to evacuate if ordered to do so: Residents living in vulnerable areas and those living in mobile homes that are in the storm's path must plan their evacuation now. Become familiar with evacuation routes, which are marked with special signs. Options include: a hotel, motel, or friend's home that is outside the vulnerable area or an American Red Cross shelter. Hotels and motels fill up quickly and "out of county" evacuations take time.

Fuel cars, keep supplies in vehicles, secure important documents: If the storm approaches South Carolina, individuals and families should fill up their cars with gas. Road maps, nonperishable snack foods, a first-aid kit that includes a supply of your family's prescription medications, and convenience items such as diapers should be available in the car. Secure important documents in waterproof packaging.

Obtain supplies to protect the home: If residents are ordered to evacuate, there will be little time to protect their homes for the storm. Boarding supplies such as wood and shutters should be purchased in advance. Make plans to clear property of outdoor furniture and debris that would damage the home during a hurricane.

Consider the safety of pets: Pets are not allowed in Red Cross shelters. Individuals and families should plan to board pets with veterinarians, kennels, or other facilities in non-vulnerable areas. Identification and rabies tags should be attached to the pets' collars.

Department of Emergency Services

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Columbia, SC 29172

(803) 737-8500

<https://www.scmd.org>

<https://twitter.com/SCEMD>

<https://www.facebook.com/SCEMD>

SCEMD increased readiness to OPGON 3.

Residents can download the SC Emergency Manager App at the following link:

<https://scemd.org/stay-informed/mobile-applications>

COLUMBIA, S.C. – The South Carolina Emergency Management Division continues to monitor Hurricane Florence, which forecasters say could affect the East Coast as a powerful storm. The state Emergency Operations Center is operational, staffed by emergency personnel from various state agencies and emergency organizations. The SEOC will be operational 24 hours a day until further notice. A FEMA coordinating officer and an incident management assistance team are scheduled to arrive Monday.

As of 6 p.m. Sunday, SCEMD has:

- Ordered 125 buses to be staged in Orangeburg to deploy if needed.
- Prepositioned personnel, equipment and other commodities should they be needed.
- Established contact with state emergency management agencies throughout the country in case S.C. should need to request resources.
- Deployed regional emergency managers to assist coastal county agencies.
- Provided items such as sandbags and generators to counties as requested.
- Activated “Emergency Mode” on scemd.org and the SC Emergency Manager mobile app.

South Carolina residents and visitors in potentially vulnerable areas should continue to monitor the official forecasts for Hurricane Florence coming from the National Hurricane Center. All official recommendations concerning personal safety will be based on the best available information from the NHC, local National Weather Service offices and in coordination with local and state public safety officials.

Residents should take the following safety precautions:

Have a plan for where you will go if conditions become too unsafe to remain in your home.

Know your evacuation zone by going to scemd.org or downloading the SC Emergency Manager mobile app.

Prepare your home by boarding up windows and securing any items you have in your yard by taking them indoors.

- Make sure your car has fuel.
- Make sure you have some cash in case of power outages.
- Keep all of your important papers in a watertight bag.
- Check with your pharmacy to make sure all important medications are filled.
- Make plans for your pets that include extra food, collar, leash and a pet carrier.
- Refer to the preparedness checklists in the [2018 S.C. Hurricane Guide](#).

The path of Hurricane Florence is uncertain, according to NHC forecasters. Residents should continue to monitor local media and official, verified social media accounts from public safety agencies for the latest information.

<https://scemd.org/stay-informed/publications/hurricane-guide>

Updated Hurricane Evacuation Zones –

<https://scemd.org/prepare/know-your-zone>

SCEMD Emergency Shelters -

There are no open shelters at this time.

<https://scemd.org/stay-informed/emergency-shelters>

SCEMD Closings & Delays -

Currently, there are no closings or delays.

<https://scemd.org/closings>

List of local county offices of emergency management -

<https://www.scemd.org/who-we-are/county-emergency-managers>

Department of Transportation

South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT)

955 Park St

Columbia, SC 29201

(855) 467-2368

<https://www.scdot.org>

<https://twitter.com/SCDOTPress>

<https://www.facebook.com/SCDOT>

Hurricane Resources - <https://www.scdot.org/travel/stormResources.aspx>

SCDOT Evacuation Routes and Maps -

There are currently no lane reversals

<https://scdot.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=eea77264247b41669486b8f63bdf2937>

SCDOT Interactive Map of Road Conditions -

<http://206.74.144.42/ris/RoadConditionsForm.aspx?c=1%2C2%2C3%2C4%2C5%2C6%2C7%2C8%2C9%2C10%2C11%2C12%2C13%2C14%2C15%2C16%2C17%2C18%2C19%2C20%2C21%2C22%2C23%2C24%2C25%2C26%2C27%2C28%2C29%2C30%2C31%2C32%2C33%2C34%2C35%2C36%2C37%2C38%2C39%2C40%2C41%2C42%2C43%2C44%2C45%2C46&i=&e=Hurricane+Florence+%28September+7%2C+2018%29&sort=name&map=y>

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American Red Cross – South Carolina Region

2424-A City Hall Ln

North Charleston, SC 29406

(843) 764-2323

<https://www.redcross.org/local/south-carolina/about-us/locations.html>

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Hurricane Florence – State of Virginia Resources

September 10, 2018

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<https://www.governor.virginia.gov>

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September 8, 2018

Governor Ralph Northam declared a state of emergency today in anticipation of the potential impact from Tropical Storm Florence. The order is designed to mobilize resources in preparations of the storm and to help Virginia mitigate any damage and to streamline the process that the Commonwealth uses to provide assistance to other states vulnerable to Florence.

“While the impacts of Tropical Storm Florence to Virginia are still uncertain, forecasts increasingly expect the storm to strengthen into a major hurricane that could seriously affect the East Coast and Virginians,” said Governor Northam. “Accordingly, I am declaring a state of emergency so that we can begin to prepare state assets, and I encourage Virginians to monitor forecasts and make their own preparations now.” A state of emergency allows the Commonwealth to mobilize resources, including the Virginia National Guard, and pre-position people and equipment to assist in storm response and recovery efforts.

While the track of Tropical Storm Florence is still uncertain, it appears increasingly likely that Virginia may see significant impacts from this storm next week. Impacts include possible flooding, high winds, and potential storm surge.

The Governor’s Office, the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM), the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Virginia National Guard, the Virginia State Police, and other state agencies have already begun preparations for the impacts of Tropical Storm Florence.

State agencies are working closely with localities to identify any needs in advance of the storm, and to pre-position resources where they will be most effective. The state Emergency Operations Center will be staffed next week in preparation for the storm and will transition into 24/7 operations as needed when the storm approaches.

Due to the uncertainty of the storm’s track this many days in advance, VDEM encourages all residents of Virginia to prepare for impacts from this storm. These can range from high winds and storm surge in coastal Virginia to significant flooding both along the coast and in rivers and streams in the western part of the state. Citizens should remember that flash floods could happen at any time and that flooding is the most deadly and damaging part of any hurricane.

Virginians should remember to “turn around and don’t drown.” Do not drive across any flooded roadway, as it only takes six inches of water to move a vehicle and roads may be washed out beneath the floodwaters.

In advance of the storm, assemble your emergency kit including food, water, medications, pet supplies and important documents that you will need to take with you if asked to evacuate in short order. To learn more about what to include in your emergency kit and how to prepare for hurricanes, visit www.VAemergency.gov/hurricanes.

It is also important for residents of Coastal Virginia to “Know Your Zone” before this storm impacts Virginia. If you live in Hampton Roads, the Middle Peninsula, Northern Neck or Eastern Shore, learn which new hurricane evacuation zone you live in by visiting www.KnowYourZoneVA.org.

Stay tuned to local media in the coming days to keep close tabs on Hurricane Florence as it approaches the Commonwealth. Be prepared to take action, and know that storm forecast can vary significantly over just a few hours.

September 9, 2018

Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) teams have worked throughout the weekend preparing for what may be Virginia’s most significant hurricane event in decades. With Virginia under a state of emergency, and forecasts showing Florence zeroing in on the Mid-Atlantic, the time for all Virginians to prepare is now.

While it is too soon to know the exact track that Hurricane Florence will take, the majority of forecast models are indicating significant potential impacts to Virginia in the form of coastal storm surge, catastrophic inland flooding, high winds and possible widespread power outages.

Virginia emergency managers and first responders are already mobilizing to prepare for the storm. Governor Ralph Northam declared a state of emergency late Saturday in order to mobilize personnel and resources for storm impacts, and to speed the response to those communities that are damaged by the storm. This includes resources from VDEM, the Virginia Department of Transportation, Virginia State Police, Virginia Department of Health, Virginia National Guard and others.

All Virginians should expect potential impacts and life-threatening conditions from this storm. Now is the time to prepare—Make a Kit, Get and Plan, and Stay Informed. To learn more, visit www.VAEmergency.gov/hurricanes.

It’s Not the Winds, It’s the Water

The largest threat to life from hurricanes is not the high winds. Flooding is the deadliest result of these storms.

Current forecast models indicate that Florence could strike the Carolinas and enter Central Virginia, possibly stalling and dropping more than 20 inches of rain in some

areas. This will lead to widespread and dangerous flooding, inundation of roads and damaged infrastructure. Potential widespread power outages are also expected. Citizens should prepare for rising waters, flash flooding, and remember to never drive across flooded roadways. Most injuries and deaths occur when motorists try to cross flooded roads. Roads and bridges can be damaged or completely washed away beneath flood waters, and a few inches of water can sweep vehicles downstream. Remember, turn around, don't drown.

Coastal Virginia Threats and Potential Evacuations

Some forecast models are indicating a possible strike more directly on the Hampton Roads region and Coastal Virginia. If this track becomes a reality, Coastal Virginians can expect significant flooding, damaging winds and storm surge flooding throughout the region. If the storm moves on a coastal track, it would require the Commonwealth to enact its tiered evacuation plan, commonly known as [Know Your Zone](#).

Residents in Coastal Virginia, especially those in evacuation zones A and B, should begin preparing for potential evacuation. An evacuation decision will be made Monday, September 10. If ordered, instructions about evacuation will be communicated via social media, television, radio, newspapers, and through local and state emergency management websites.

Citizens should make necessary preparations now to evacuate to higher ground, starting with knowing in which zone your home and business are located. You can type in your address at www.KnowYourZoneVA.org to find out your designated zone.

Resources are also available on the [Know Your Zone](#) website to learn more about the program, what to plan for and expect in the event of an evacuation, and how to ensure you are ready once you receive evacuation instructions.

Once you [Know Your Zone](#), you should stay tuned to local media for detailed instructions from your local emergency manager about where to go, available shelters and evacuation routes, and when you will be able to return to your home.

Have questions about Know Your Zone? Learn more [here](#).

Don't Wait Until It's Too Late to Prepare

With the onset of tropical storm force winds and rain only a couple of days away, the time to prepare is now. Get your home, business and family ready for whatever impacts this storm may bring. Hurricane season lasts through November 30, so more storms may target Virginia this year.

Visit <http://www.vaemergency.gov/hurricanes> to learn how to prepare for these deadly storms. It could save your life.

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www.vaemergency.gov
<https://www.facebook.com/VAemergency>
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Virginia Emergency Preparedness Guide-Hurricanes
<http://vaemergency.gov/hurricanes>

Coastal Virginia- Hurricane Evacuation Guide
<http://knowyourzoneVA.org>

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<https://www.redcross.org/local/virginia.html>
<https://www.facebook.com/VARedCross>
<https://twitter.com/VARedCross>
<https://www.redcross.org/get-help/disaster-relief-and-recovery-services/find-an-open-shelter.html>

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<https://www.facebook.com/VirginiaDOT>
<https://twitter.com/vadot>

Travel conditions:

<http://www.511virginia.org/>

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1010 Miller Park Square
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500 C Street SW
Washington, DC 20472
(800) 621-3362

<http://www.fema.gov>

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Hurricane Florence - State of Maryland Resources September 12, 2018

Maryland Office of the Governor Larry Hogan

100 State Circle

Annapolis, Maryland 21401

(410) 974-3901

<http://governor.maryland.gov>

<https://twitter.com/GovLarryHogan>

September 10, 2018

Governor Larry Hogan today signed [Executive Order 01.01.2018.22](#) declaring a state of emergency beginning Monday, September 10, 2018 ahead of the landfall of Hurricane Florence. The executive order will allow the state to more efficiently coordinate support and provide assistance to local jurisdictions within Maryland and neighboring states.

“At this time, there is still some uncertainty about the track of this storm and its potential impact, but we are preparing for any possible outcome, including the potential of historic, catastrophic, and life-threatening flooding in Maryland,” said Governor Hogan.

“Our state is taking every precaution, and I urge all Marylanders to do the same. Stay tuned to your local news stations for the latest updates, listen to state and local authorities, and most importantly, use common sense.”

Weather forecasters have indicated that there is the potential for life-threatening conditions, including catastrophic flooding as well as high winds and dangerous conditions in our waterways. Current forecasts indicate that torrential rains, tropical storm force winds, and tidal flooding/storm surge could impact the state beginning as early as Thursday. The state’s Emergency Operations Center Response Level has been elevated, and the center is fully staffed with emergency management personnel and state agency coordinating function representatives.

The state of emergency allows the governor to access critical resources in order to increase the state’s response, like the Maryland National Guard. It also allows Maryland to receive assistance from other states as part of the [Emergency Management Assistance Compact](#). This compact serves as the cornerstone of the nation’s mutual aid system and offers assistance and aid during states of emergency through member states.

“A state of emergency is a good indicator that residents should remain alert and follow officials’ orders, news stations, and weather forecasts in order to be informed of the situation,” said MEMA’s Executive Director, Russell Strickland. “We encourage all residents and visitors to our State to visit www.KnowYourZoneMD.com to see if they are inside, or if they are traveling to, a hurricane evacuation zone,” he added.

Governor Hogan has directed state agencies to stand ready to respond to the effects of this storm, including the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA). For more information, residents can also go to MEMA's website at mema.maryland.gov, follow MEMA's Twitter feed at [@MDMEMA](https://twitter.com/MDMEMA), or follow MEMA's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/MDMEMA.

Maryland Emergency Management Agency

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Reisterstown, MD 21136
(877) 636-2872
<https://mema.maryland.gov/Pages/default.aspx>
<https://www.facebook.com/MDMEMA>
<https://twitter.com/mdmema>

American Red Cross of Maryland

4800 Mt Hope Drive
Baltimore, MD 21215
(410) 624-2000
<https://www.redcross.org/local/maryland-delaware/about-us/locations/central-maryland.html>
<https://www.facebook.com/RCChesapeake>
<https://twitter.com/RedcrossGCR>

Shelter Information:

<https://www.redcross.org/get-help/disaster-relief-and-recovery-services/find-an-open-shelter.html>

Maryland Department of Transportation

7201 Corporate Center Drive
Hanover, MD 21076
(410) 865-1000
<http://www.mdot.maryland.gov>
<https://www.facebook.com/TheMDTA>
<https://twitter.com/TheMDTA>

Travel and Road Conditions:

<http://md511.maryland.gov>

Maryland 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 call and provide your zip code and demographic information in order to receive referrals.

1800 Washington Boulevard

Baltimore MD 21230

2-1-1 or (800) 492-0618

<https://211md.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/211Maryland>

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Hurricane Florence - State of Georgia Resources September 12, 2018

Georgia Office of the Governor Nathan Deal

06 Washington Street
Suite 203, State Capitol
Atlanta, GA 30334
(404) 656-1776
<https://gov.georgia.gov>

Based on the latest 11 a.m. forecast for Hurricane Florence and acting on a recommendation from Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA/HS) officials, Gov. Nathan Deal today issued an emergency declaration for all 159 counties in Georgia.

“The state is mobilizing all available resources to ensure public safety ahead of Hurricane Florence,” said Deal. “In light of the storm’s forecasted southward track after making landfall, I encourage Georgians to be prepared for the inland effects of the storm as well as the ensuing storm surge in coastal areas. GEMA/HS continues to lead our preparedness efforts as we coordinate with federal, state and local officials to provide public shelter and accommodate those evacuating from other states.”

Georgia Emergency Management Agency

935 East Confederate Avenue, SE
Atlanta, GA 30316
(404) 624-2262
<http://www.gema.ga.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

The Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency is actively monitoring Hurricane Florence and is coordinating with our federal, state, local, public and private sector partners to ensure we are ready to respond.

Out-of-state Evacuees

Georgia State Parks, including campsites and cottages, are open to evacuees. Georgia State Parks will not be turning away any visitors seeking assistance.

All cabins will be allowed to accommodate domestic pets. Pet fees will be waived during this weather event.

Parks that currently have overnight equestrian facilities will allow visitors traveling with horses to use portable corrals and high lines (with tree saver straps). AH Stephens State Park will utilize the event field as an overflow for their equestrian campground.

For information about parks, updates and how to rent facilities please go to <https://gastateparks.org/alerts> .

The Atlanta Motor Speedway camping facilities are open for evacuees seeking refuge from Hurricane Florence. Campgrounds utilized will be Legends for dry camping and Premium (main entrance road) for hook-ups.

<http://www.atlantamotorspeedway.com/media/news/ams-opening-camping-facilities-hurricane-florence-evacuees.html> .

Georgia Department of Agriculture has temporarily suspended interstate movement requirements for animals evacuating from Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. Visit the Ga. Department of Agriculture website for more information.

We are monitoring fuel supplies across the state, and there are no fuel shortages reported at this time.

There are currently no evacuation orders or declared states of emergency for Georgia.

Ready Georgia

<http://ready.ga.gov>

American Red Cross of Georgia

<https://www.redcross.org/local/georgia.html>

The American Red Cross of Georgia serves 10 million people through a network of 9 chapters: Augusta Area, Central Midwest Georgia, Metropolitan Atlanta (our regional headquarters), Northeast Georgia, Northwest Georgia, South Georgia, Southeast & Coastal Georgia, Southwest Georgia and West Central Georgia.

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There currently are no emergency Red Cross shelters currently open in Georgia.

Georgia Department of Transportation

One Georgia Center
600 West Peachtree NW
Atlanta, GA 30308
(404) 631-1990

<http://www.dot.ga.gov>

<http://www.dot.ga.gov/DS/Emergency/Hurricane>

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