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Extreme River Flooding Expected in Areas of Craven County

NEW BERN, N.C. – Extreme river flooding is expected in the Neuse and Trent River basins in Craven County over the next several days as a result of rainfall generated by Hurricane Florence. Forecasters are monitoring the river levels, which continue to rise quickly, and the rivers could crest on Monday.

Areas at high risk for flood potential are certain portions of Vanceboro, Cove City, areas north of Weyerhaeuser and River Road, Neuse River Basin, Swift Creek Basin, and Core Creek area, Trent River and River Bend. The additional flooding will likely further impact travel in all parts of the county.

Craven County is under a countywide Mandatory Evacuation Notice until further notice. Residents are asked to heed all warnings given by officials, as this is a very serious and severe situation with extreme impacts predicted.

Five Emergency Shelters are open in Craven County for citizens living in low lying areas prone to flooding and who have nowhere else to relocate:

1. Havelock High School (101 Webb Blvd, Havelock)
2. Brinson Elementary (319 Neuse Forest Ave, New Bern)
3. Trent Park Elementary (2500 Educational Drive, New Bern)
4. Benn Quinn Elementary (4275 Martin Luther King Blvd, New Bern) * Pet Friendly*
5. Farm Life Elementary (2000 Farm Life Ave, Vanceboro)

Citizens should bring their own pillows, blankets, medication, hygiene items, special foods, baby formula (if needed) and any other special needs items. There may be times that the shelters are without the ability to support medical devices and equipment, so portable charging devices are recommended. Citizens are prohibited from bringing weapons, alcohol, illegal drugs, perishable food items, radios or televisions into an emergency shelter. Small hand-held devices can be used with headphones.

Pets will be accepted at the Ben Quinn Elementary emergency shelter only. No other emergency shelters will allow other pets. This shelter accepts cats and dogs only, no exotic pets. All pets must be crated. Pet owners need to food and medications for their pets, as well as rabies certificates (not the tags).

For more information on emergency shelters call Craven County Emergency Management at 252-636-6608. Craven County Government Emergency Management updates will appear on the Craven County website at www.cravencountync.gov, on the Craven County Facebook page [@cravencounty](https://www.facebook.com/cravencounty) and the Craven County Emergency Management Twitter account [@cravencountync](https://twitter.com/cravencountync). Visit the Craven County website to register to receive emergency notifications via text, email and phone calls through the CodeRed Emergency Notification System.

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