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Voluntary Evacuation Order Issued for Low-Lying Areas of Craven County

NEW BERN, N.C. – Craven County issued a voluntary evacuation order to be effective at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 4, 2019 for Zone A or for those living in low-lying areas of Craven County with a history of extreme flooding. Extreme wind, storm surge, rainfall and river flooding is expected in the Neuse and Trent River basins in Craven County as early as Wednesday evening.

People living in the following locations that are prone to flooding are encouraged to evacuate: Harlowe (Adam's Creek and Clubfoot Creek), Fairfield Harbor, portions of the City of New Bern (National Avenue, Woodrow and Duffyfield communities), Sandy Point, and River Bend. Residents in Craven County can locate their assigned Know Your Zone (KYZ) evacuation zone by visiting <http://bit.ly/cravenKYZ>.

"No mandatory evacuations have been ordered at this time. Craven County strongly urges all citizens to monitor this storm and even if you are not in the areas specifically mentioned in the voluntary evacuation order, consider your safety, take this hurricane very seriously, and make preparations to leave now," stated Jack B. Veit, III, Craven County Manager.

Individuals in areas at risk of flooding should prepare for extreme storm surge. Past flood events have shown areas not directly impacted by flood waters may be isolated and travel may be restricted.

Four Emergency Shelters will open in Craven County on Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. for citizens living in low-lying areas prone to flooding who have nowhere else to relocate to:

1. Havelock High School (101 Webb Blvd, Havelock)
2. Creekside Elementary (2790 Landscape Dr, New Bern) *New Location*
3. Ben D. Quinn Elementary (4275 Martin Luther King Blvd, New Bern) *Pet Friendly*
4. 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. Pets will be accepted at the Ben D. Quinn Elementary emergency shelter only. No other emergency shelters will allow pets. This shelter accepts cats and dogs only, no exotic pets. All pets must be crated. Pet owners need to bring bowls for food and water, food and medications for their pets, and rabies certificates (not the tags). Pet owners will be expected to remain at the shelter with their pet and are responsible for caring for and cleaning up after their pet. 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.

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).

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