

Hurricane Irma–South Carolina: Sept. 11, 2017

Flooding, Power Outages Hit in South Carolina; 40,000 Under Evacuation Orders

The [flooding was only about ankle deep](#) over the weekend in parts of South Carolina, the Charleston Post and Courier reports, but meteorologists at weather.com say flood waters will likely rise above levels seen last year during Hurricane Matthew.

The [westward shift in Irma's track has "relieved some of the tension" in South Carolina](#), Gov. Henry McMaster told the paper at a Saturday briefing, but state and local officials are still keeping an eye on the storm and its impacts.

"It's not going to hit us directly, but it's going to hit us," McMaster said. "You don't get a second chance with these storms and it's time use common sense and be safe. It's not too late to leave now."

Earlier this week McMaster ordered Hilton Head Island and six of the state's other barrier islands to evacuate ahead of the storm, according to the Associated Press.

Approximately 44,457 South Carolina residents were affected by the orders, and McMaster told the Post and Courier that "compliance, as far as we can tell, has been good," although the state does not have a current count of how many people ignored the order and remained on the islands.

Residents cleared out store shelves, grabbing the essentials as they prepared for the worst in cities like Charleston. With the memories of flooding and damage from last year's Hurricane Matthew still on the minds of so many, officials had little problem stirring residents to action.

McMaster said Saturday that he had spoken with President Donald Trump, who approved a request for federal disaster assistance.

Source : <https://weather.com/storms/hurricane/news/2017-09-11-hurricane-irma-north-carolina-south-carolina-preparations>

To Get Help

South Carolina

- United Way, Dial 2-1-1 or visit <http://www.sc211.org/>
- State Department of Emergency Management, dial 803.737.8500 or visit <http://www.scemd.org/>
- Red Cross South Carolina Region, Lowcountry South Carolina Chapter, dial 843.764.2323 or visit <http://www.redcross.org/local/south-carolina/about-us/locations/lowcountry-sc>

Shelters

Source: <http://scemd.org/shelters-rss>

South Carolina

County	Shelter Name	Address	Status
Allendale	Allendale Elementary School	4561 Allendale-Fairfax Hwy	OPEN

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Anderson	Anderson Civic Center	3027 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.	OPEN
Beaufort	Battery Creek High School	1 Blue Dolphin Drive	OPEN
Beaufort	Bluffton High School	12 H.E. McCracken Circle	OPEN
Orangeburg	Branchville High School	1349 Dorange Road	OPEN
Calhoun	Calhoun County High School	150 Saints Ave.	OPEN
Kershaw	Camden High School	1022 Ehrenclou Drive	OPEN
Williamsburg	CE Murray High School	222 CE Murray Blvd.	OPEN
Charleston	Charleston County Facility	3841 Leeds Ave. (Corner of Bridge View & Leeds)	OPEN
Charleston	Coastal Pre-release Center	3765 Leeds Ave.	OPEN
Colleton	Colleton County Middle School	1379 Tuskegee Airmen Drive	OPEN
Sumter	Crestwood High School	2000 Oswego Road	OPEN
Williamsburg	D.P. Cooper Elementary School	4568 Seaboard Road	OPEN
Richland	Dent Middle School	2721 Decker Blvd.	OPEN
Clarendon	East Clarendon High School	1101 Pope St.	OPEN
Williamsburg	Hemingway High School	402 South Main St.	OPEN
Orangeburg	Hunter-Kinard Tyler School	7066 Norway Road	OPEN
Williamsburg	Kingstree Senior High	615 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave.	OPEN
Orangeburg	Lake Marion High School	3656 Tee Vee Road	OPEN
Clarendon	Manning High School	2155 Paxville Hwy	OPEN
Orangeburg	Orangeburg-Wilkinson High School	601 Bruin Parkway	OPEN
Bamberg	Richard Carroll Elementary School	1980 Main Hwy	OPEN
Jasper	Ridgeland High-Junior-Elementary Complex	250 Jaguar Trail	OPEN
Clarendon	Scotts Branch High School	9253 Alex Harvin Hwy	OPEN

You can also search <http://www.redcross.org/get-help/disaster-relief-and-recovery-services/find-an-open-shelter>

Road Conditions

Call 511: The Department of Transportation offers its free 511 service for travel information and roadway conditions, including road and bridge closures, toll suspensions and major evacuation routes.

South Carolina Department of Transportation

- dial 855.467.2368 or visit <http://www.dot.state.sc.us/>

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Power Outage

To report an outage, call:

South Carolina

- South Carolina Electric & Utilities: 800.251.7234
- Santee Cooper

Airport Closures

Passengers are urged to not come to the local airport unless your flight has been confirmed. If your flight has been canceled, please call your airline's customer service telephone number or rebook through your airline's website.

Flight delay information: <http://www.flightstats.com/go/Home/home.do>

Schools, Events, and Business Closures

Source : <http://www.thestate.com/news/local/article171774122.html>

Ben Lippen School (Columbia): Closed Monday.

County Schools: Offices and Schools closed Friday, Sept. 8, through Tuesday, Sept. 12.

Charleston County Schools: Closed Friday, Sept. 8, through Tuesday, Sept. 12.

Charleston School of Law: Scheduled to reopen Thursday, Sept. 14, at 7:30 a.m.

Charleston Southern University: Closing at 9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7.

The Citadel: All classes, including Citadel Graduate College and evening undergraduate classes after 12 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8, are canceled until further notice. A parade scheduled for Friday, Sept. 8, is canceled. The Citadel Memorial Fund Banquet and Citadel Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet are postponed.

Clayton University: Closing at 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7. All classes and activities are canceled until further notice.

College of Charleston: All classes and events canceled beginning Friday, Sept. 8. All students must leave campus by 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8.

Colleton County Schools: Closed Friday, Sept. 8, through Tuesday, Sept. 12.

Columbia International University: Closed Monday, Sept. 11. All sports events, campus activities, and campus visits will be canceled on Monday as well. The campus will remain open with food service limited to residence hall and boarding students. The CIU Soccer team will play Saturday as scheduled.

Dorchester School District Two: Closed Friday, Sept. 8, through Tuesday, Sept. 12. All extra-curricular activities, events, and extended day programs scheduled for Friday through Tuesday are also canceled.

Laurence Manning Academy (Manning): Closed Monday, Sept. 11, and Tuesday, Sept. 12.

MUSC: MUSC University will be closed Friday, September 8 and all official university business is canceled including all classes and clinical rotations. It has not been determined at this time when normal operations will resume

S.C. State University: Closing at 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7. All scheduled programs, activities and events are canceled. All residence halls will close at noon Friday, Sept. 8. All students are encouraged to begin evacuation immediately when the university closes.

Museums, libraries, parks and other attractions

Charleston-area National Park Service sites: Closed starting Friday, Sept. 8. They include Fort Sumter in Charleston Harbor, Fort Moultrie on Sullivan's Island, the Fort Sumter Visitor Education Center in downtown Charleston and the Charles Pinckney National Historic Site in Mount Pleasant.

Congaree National Park: Closing at noon Saturday. Updates at www.nps.gov/cong.

Fort Sumter: All ferry trips canceled starting Thursday, Sept. 7.

Halsey Institute of Contemporary Art (Charleston): Galleries will close Friday, Sept. 8, and hope to reopen at 11 a.m.

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Thursday, Sept. 14. Events scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 10, and Tuesday, Sept. 12, have been canceled or rescheduled.

Hunley submarine tours: Closed Saturday and Sunday.

Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum: Weekend “9/11 Never Forget Mobile Exhibit” and Sept. 13 preview of Ken Burns and Lynn Novick mini-series “The Vietnam War” are canceled. If an evacuation is ordered, the museum will close.

Beginning Friday, Sept. 8, all overnight camping reservations aboard the USS Yorktown are suspended.

Events and meetings

Bike with the Mayor (Columbia): Ride scheduled for Monday, Sept. 11, is canceled.

Midlands Food Alliance Farmer/Chef Mashup: Event scheduled for Monday, Sept. 11, has been moved to Monday, Oct. 9, at the same time, same place.

Sustainable Midlands Farm Tour: Event scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 9, has been moved to Saturday, Sept. 30.

WildMayhem Charity Golf Tournament (Blythewood): Event scheduled for Monday, Sept. 11, will be rescheduled. Visit www.WildMayhem.com to stay updated on a rain date.