



Pender County Emergency Management



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Mandatory Evacuation effective in Pender County

PENDER COUNTY – Chairman George Brown of the Pender County Board of Commissioners announced effective Sept. 12, 9 a.m. all residents and visitors in Pender County.

“Based on the latest forecast from the National Weather Service, it is likely we will have historic rainfall,” said Tom Collins, Pender County Emergency Manager. “This is a storm to not take lightly. We urge everyone to seek shelters of last resort.”

Shelters of last resort are open at Cape Fear Middle School, 1886 NC Highway 133, Rocky Point; Malpass Corner Elementary, 4992 Malpass Corner Rd., Burgaw; Topsail Elementary, 17385 US Hwy 17 in Hampstead; and Burgaw Middle School, 500 S. Wright St. in Burgaw. The Burgaw Middle School shelter is pet friendly.

Shelters in outlying counties are open and are available on the readync.org app.

“Due to the storm, emergency medical responders will likely not be able to respond to medical emergencies for those who do not leave the county or seek shelter. Once wind speeds reached a sustained speed of 40 to 45 mph, it will not be safe for fire trucks and ambulances to be on the road. Depending on storm conditions, the inability to respond could extend for days,” said Collins.

New Hanover Regional Medical Center has closed all Pender County hospital facilities as of 12 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept, 12.

Pender County Emergency Management will post updates on the Facebook page at facebook.com/penderem and on the website <http://www.penderem.com>. If you need assistance call the EM office at 910- 259-1210.

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