

September 9, 2017

## Hurricane Irma Update: County Offices Closed September 11 and 12

Due to the inclement weather forecasted with [Hurricane Irma](#), all County government offices will be closed Monday, September 11 and Tuesday, September 12, to include all convenience centers, library branches, and parks and leisure services (PALS) facilities. All County public meetings and other scheduled activities for these days are canceled. Emergency services and law enforcement will remain available. Disaster Recovery personnel are instructed to check with their department head/supervisor regarding their work report status.

South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster issued a mandatory evacuation order starting today, Saturday, September 9 at 10 a.m. for the following barrier islands in Beaufort County - **Daufuskie Island, Fripp Island, Harbour Island, Hilton Head Island, and Hunting Island**. Re-entry to the affected barrier islands will be prohibited until the evacuation order is lifted. All other portions of Beaufort County are open. The last ferry run from Daufuskie Island is currently scheduled for 12 noon tomorrow, Sunday, September 10 pending weather conditions.

The Red Cross will open two local storm shelters for those evacuating the barrier islands. The shelters are scheduled to open tomorrow, Sunday, September 10 at 9 a.m. at the following locations:

1. Battery Creek High School located at 1 Blue Dolphin Drive in Burton
2. Bluffton High School located at 12 H. E. McCracken Drive in Bluffton

The County strongly encourages the public to prepare for severe weather and to monitor the storm on local news media and the following information outlets:

- [Beaufort County Sheriff's Office](#)
- [National Hurricane Center](#)
- [National Weather Service](#)
- [South Carolina Emergency Management Division](#)
- [South Carolina Hurricane Guide](#)
- [The Weather Channel](#)

To sign up for news from County Administration, click [here](#).

To sign up for news from the Sheriff's Office, click [here](#) or text your zip code to 888777.