

Beaufort County, South Carolina
General Announcement

September 8, 2018

Tropical Storm Florence Update: 09/08/18 at 9 p.m.

Governor Henry McMaster issued an executive order earlier today declaring a state of emergency and along with the [South Carolina Emergency Management Division](#) has urged South Carolinians to prepare for the possibility of Hurricane Florence.

There has been no decision on evacuation as of this time.

According to the 5:00 p.m. advisory from the [National Hurricane Center](#), Tropical Storm Florence was located 810 miles southeast of Bermuda with maximum winds of 70 miles per hour moving west at 5 miles per hour. The next advisory from the National Hurricane Center will be at 11:00 p.m. tonight.

The [BCSO Emergency Management Division](#) has advised that Beaufort County will be upgrading its alert status to OPCON 3 (disaster or emergency situation likely or imminent) at 8:00 a.m. tomorrow, Sunday, September 9, due to threats posed by the possibility of Florence.

Please pay close attention to official weather reports and other related advisories:

- [National Hurricane Center](#)
- [National Weather Service](#)
- [The Weather Channel](#)

See a copy of the Governor's executive order is [here](#).

Download the official 2018 South Carolina Hurricane Guide [here](#).

Download the SC EMD app [here](#).

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