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Pasco County EOC UPDATE (Saturday 9/9/17)

~~Here are the latest updates from Pasco County~~

PASCO COUNTY, FL ---- Due to severe weather expected from Hurricane Irma, all Pasco County residents are encouraged to seek shelter immediately. In an effort to fully support all residents, here is the latest information from Pasco County:

NEW Information: (As of 5:00 p.m., September 9, 2017)

- **Mandatory Evacuations:**

- A mandatory evacuation has been ordered for residents living west of Little Road, effective 1:00 p.m. Saturday, September 9, 2017.
- A mandatory evacuation has been ordered for those residents living to the north and west of the following roadway boundary lines: north of 52 and west of Hicks Road; north of Kitten Trail to the intersection of Dennis Road; west of Dennis Road, following a northerly line to include properties west of Gopher Hills and west of Thomas Boulevard north to County Line Road, effective 1:00 p.m., Saturday, September 9, 2017.
- A voluntary evacuation has been ordered for the remainder of all evacuation zones, effective 1:00 p.m. Saturday, September 9, 2017.
- The hardened shelters of Fivay High School, Schrader Elementary, and the Emergency Operations Center will remain open and are not being evacuated.
- To view a map of the mandatory and recommended evacuation areas, click here: <https://bitly.im/DDInF>.
- The latest mandatory evacuation orders impact 105,512 addresses, which translates to approximately 243,000 residents affected in West Pasco County. The recommended evacuation area impacts an additional 14,773 addresses and 34,000 residents.
- Pasco County emergency responders will not be able to aid those in distress in a mandatory evacuation area during heightened weather conditions.
- Shelters are filling up. If you are evacuating, please leave now.

- The following shelters additional shelters are now open:
 - Sanders Elementary, 5126 School Road, Land O' Lakes
 - Oakstead Elementary, 19925 Lake Patience Road, Land O' Lakes
 - Connerton Elementary, 9300 Flourish Drive, Land O' Lakes
 - Pineview Elementary, 5333 Parkway Boulevard, Land O' Lakes
 - Veterans Elementary, 26940 Progress Parkway, Wesley Chapel
 - Seven Oaks Elementary, 27633 Mystic Oak Boulevard, Wesley Chapel
 - Double Branch Elementary, 31500 Chancey Road, Wesley Chapel

- Shelters throughout Pasco County need volunteers. If faith-based organizations or other charitable organizations have volunteers available who have had recent background checks, they should call 727-847-8940.

- Pasco County is asking for our community members to donate non-perishable food, water, and tarps for recovery efforts. Donations can be dropped off at the Salvation Army Warehouse at 7745 Ridge Road, New Port Richey. For questions concerning donations please contact Pasco County Customer Service at 727.847.2411.

- All sandbag locations will be closed at 8:00 p.m., Saturday, September 9, 2017.

- The Pasco County Elderly Nutrition Division announces the temporary closing of all Pasco County Senior Center locations as the county continues to make preparations ahead of Hurricane Irma. All sites are closed effective immediately and will reopen 9:00 am, Wednesday, September 13, 2017, weather permitting. During the closure, all home delivery services will be canceled and resumed once weather conditions improve. For more information: [Pasco County Elderly Nutrition Division](#).

- Pasco County residential curbside trash and recycling collection services are being suspended until further notice. Suspension of commercial collection service is to be determined on a case-by-case basis by each individual hauler. Commercial customers should contact their service provider for information. Additionally, residents and business owners are asked to secure lawn ornaments, Port-a-Johns, construction dumpsters, and overall trash dumpsters.

- Emergency Services will respond until wind speeds or other weather conditions become unsafe.

- Pasco County Public Transportation is not running regular services. Buses are running evacuation missions and will continue as long as it is safe to do so.

- All Pasco County Schools will be closed on Monday, September 11, 2017 and Tuesday, September 12, 2017.

- To stay up to date on the latest weather warnings, visit the [National Weather Service](#) and download the [MyPasco App](#) for alerts.

Previously-Released Information: (As of 12:30 p.m., September 8, 2017)

- Pet-friendly shelter locations opened at 11 a.m. on Friday, September 8, 2017. All pet types are welcome in the pet friendly shelters, so long that they meet the requirements provided. For more information about pet-friendly shelter locations and requirements to bring your pet please visit: www.pascocountyfl.net
- All faith-based, charter schools, and business locations are asked to consider being an alternate shelter in case of additional needs for residents as well as travelers into Pasco County. To register as an alternate shelter please email OEM@PascoCountyFL.net. Pasco County Building Inspectors will be sent to ensure the facility is hurricane ready.
- For a full listing of shelter locations please visit: www.pascocountyfl.net

Residents should also be aware of the following Pasco County closures:

- Pasco County Libraries will be closed Saturday, September 9, 2017, until further notice.
- Pasco County Extension Office will be closed Friday, September 8, 2017 and Monday, September 11, 2017.
- Pasco County Building Construction Services will close all offices beginning at noon Friday, September 8, 2017 until further notice.
- All Pasco County Parks, Recreation, and Natural Resources Department parks will be closing due to the approaching hurricane beginning Saturday, September 9, 2017, until further notice. Camping and park shelter reservations will not be accepted until further notice. Please observe all National Weather Service Coastal Hazardous messages, warnings and advisories for beaches and high surf areas.
- All parks located within the City of New Port Richey will be closed until further notice due to the weather conditions associated with Hurricane Irma.
- Pasco County Clerk & Comptroller and the Courts are closed until further notice.
- All campuses of Pasco-Hernando State College will remain closed through Tuesday, September 12, due to hurricane Irma. While PHSC hopes to return to normal operating hours on Wednesday, September 13, the college's reopening is subject to change depending on conditions after the storm. Updates will be posted at www.PHSC.edu and on social media.
- Pasco County Animal Services is closed to the public. Animal Control Officers will be available for emergency response, as needed. Pet-friendly shelter locations are open. Any citizens who would like to volunteer their assistance for the pet-friendly shelters are encouraged to email: OEM@PascoCountyFL.net. For more information about pet-friendly shelter locations and requirements to bring your pet please visit: www.pascocountyfl.net.

- All those in the evacuation zones are encouraged to utilize the services available to them, gather helpful information through www.ready.gov, and seek out safe shelter. Citizens should first attempt to find shelter with relatives or friends. If that is not an option citizens can self-evacuate to shelter. For a full listing of shelter locations please visit: www.pascocountyfl.net.
- Citizens or businesses who need help or have questions can call the Pasco County Customer Service line at 727.847.2411. If you have an emergency, please call 9-1-1.

For the latest storm updates more information is available at: www.pascocountyfl.net, and by downloading the MyPasco App which is available for download here: <http://fl-pascocounty.civicplus.com/index.aspx?NID=2248>.

Citizens are encouraged to use social media to post flooding or other storm-related photos and information using the hashtags #pascocounty #irma.