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Pasco County reminds residents to avoid flooded areas

~~Important floodwater safety reminders~~

PASCO COUNTY, FL ---- Heavy rains and storm surge pushed inland from Hurricane Hermine are causing dangerous flooding conditions in low-lying areas. Pasco County Emergency Management officials are urging residents to avoid walking, driving or playing in any floodwater.

Floodwater can actually be a lot deeper than it looks. Driving or walking through flooded roads can put you at serious risk of drowning. And while skin contact with floodwater might not always pose a serious health risk, health hazards are a concern when water becomes contaminated. Floodwater may contain fecal material, associated bacteria, viruses, and other pollutants.

If your well is flooded, make sure you test for bacterial contamination. Click on this link for additional floodwater safety tips: <http://pascocountyfl.net/DocumentCenter/View/26446>

To report flooding, please call the Pasco County Customer Service at 727.847.2411. If you have an emergency, please call 9-1-1.

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

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