



# Office of the Adjutant General

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**Hurricane Matthew** 

# **NEWS RELEASE #4**

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# **Emergency Shelters Now Open**

**Columbia, S.C.** (Wednesday, October 5, 2016) – The South Carolina Response Team today announced the opening of shelters across the state for residents and visitors who are evacuating from coastal areas as Hurricane Matthew approaches. Shelters began opening on Wednesday, October 5, and as of 5 PM there are 32 shelters open.

Shelters are generally the place of last resort. Individuals and families are encouraged to have emergency plans in place. These plans should include relatives or friends with whom you can stay or locations to which you will travel. In the event that you must use a shelter, be sure to make arrangement for your pets; pets are not allowed in official shelters with the exception of two listed below.

The Department of Social Services is designated as the lead agency for coordinating mass care operations. In particular, DSS works with the American Red Cross, Salvation Army, the Department of Health and Environmental Control and other state agencies and volunteer relief organizations in disaster situations to coordinate the capability to meet basic human needs (shelter, food, bulk distribution of emergency relief supplies, disaster welfare inquiries, and emergency social services).

SCDSS is has placed an additional 60 shelters in stand-by mode, ready to host evacuees if needed.

As of 5:00 p.m. today, October 5, 2016, the following emergency shelters are open for people evacuating Hurricane Matthew:

**Aiken County** 

South Aiken High School 232 East Pine Log Road Aiken, SC

### **Allendale County**

Allendale Elementary School 4561 Allendale-Fairfax Hwy. Allendale, SC

Fairfax Elementary School 734 E. 14<sup>th</sup> Street Fairfax, SC

## **Bamberg County**

Bamberg-Ehrnhardt School 267 Red Rider Dr. Bamberg, SC

Ghents Branch Baptist Church 1974 Ghents Branch Rd. Denmark, SC

Denmark-Olar High School 197 Viking Circle Denmark, SC

#### **Barnwell County**

Barnwell Elementary School 10524 Marlboro Ave. Barnwell, SC

## **Berkeley County**

Berkeley Elementary School 715 Hwy 6 Monks Corner, SC

Cane Bay High School \*\*PET FRIENDLY\*\* 1624 State Road Summerville, SC

St. Stephens Elementary School 1053 Russellville Rd. St. Stephens, SC

Westview Middle School 101 Westview Blvd. Goose Creek, SC Westview Primary School 98 Westview Blvd. Goose Creek, SC

## **Charleston County**

AC Corcoran Elementary School 8585 Vistavia Road N. Charleston, SC

Burns Elementary School \*\*PET FRIENDLY\*\* 3750 Dorchester Road Charleston, SC 29405

Ladson Elementary School 3321 Ladson Road N. Charleston, SC Midland Park Elementary 2415 Midlands Park Road N. Charleston, SC

North Charleston High School 1087 East Montague Ave. N. Charleston, SC

Stall High School 3625 Ashely Phosphate Road N. Charleston, SC

#### **Colleton County**

Colleton County Middle School 1379 Tuskegee Airman Drive Walterboro, SC

#### **Dorchester County**

Dubose Middle School 1005 Dubose School Road Summerville, SC

Fort Dorchester High School. 8500 Patriot Blvd North Charleston, SC

Oakbrook Middle School

4704 Old Fort Drive Ladson, SC

St. George Middle School 600 Minus Street St. George, SC

Summerville High School 1011 Boone Hill Road Summerville, SC

Woodland High School 4128 US Highway 78 Dorchester, SC

## **Jasper County**

Ridgeland High School Complex 250 Jaguar Trail Ridgeland, SC

## **Lexington County**

White Knoll High School 5643 Platt Springs Road Lexington, SC

#### **Spartanburg County**

Spartanburg Expo Center 6655 Pottery Road Spartanburg, SC 29303

## **Williamsburg County**

CE Murray High School 222 CE Murray Blvd Greeleyville, SC

Hemingway High School 402 South Main Street Hemingway, SC

Kingstree Senior High

615 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue Kingstree, SC

Tupperware Gym Tupperware Road 258 Hemingway, SC

Visit scemd.org for a complete list of shelters as well as updates.