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Flagler to open 4 shelters 7 a.m. Saturday

September 8, 2017 – Four emergency shelters will open at 7 a.m. Saturday for residents seeking refuge from Hurricane Irma.

“Given the current track of the storm, we are opening four shelters at 7 a.m. tomorrow,” Flagler County Public Safety Emergency Manager Steve Garten said. “We believe we are going to need to have the space available to keep our residents safe.”

Shelters are being prepared at: 1) Rymfire Elementary for special needs; 2) Bunnell Elementary for residents with crated, domestic pets; and, shelters 3 - 4) Buddy Taylor – Wadsworth campus for the general population.

Buddy Taylor/Wadsworth Campus – General Population
4500 Belle Terre Parkway, Palm Coast
Map link: https://www.google.com/maps/place/4500+Belle+Terre+Parkway,+Palm+Coast,+FL+32164/@29.5300118,-81.2226937

Bunnell Elementary – Pets
305 N. Palmetto Street, Bunnell
Map link: https://www.google.com/maps/place/305+N+Palmetto+St,+Bunnell,+FL+32110/@29.4726824,-81.255415

Rymfire Elementary – Special Needs
1425 Rymfire Drive, Palm Coast

http://www.flaglercounty.org
Map link:
https://www.google.com/maps/place/1425+Rymfire+Dr,+Palm+Coast,+FL+32164/@29.5018118,-81.2523027/17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x88e6eb555ea2241:0x8326e9c38308b855!8m2!3d29.5018118!4d-81.2523027

Limited cots will be available at the shelters. Residents will be permitted to bring single/twin size inflatable mattresses. Queen and king size mattresses will not be allowed.

All residents should bring:

- 72-hour supply of all medications
- Sleeping bags, pillows, and blankets
- Extra chargers and batteries for electronics
- Headphones for music devices
- Snacks and “comfort foods” – meals will be served
- Those with special diets should bring appropriate foods
- No weapons allowed
- No illegal narcotics allowed
- No alcohol allowed

Residents with pets (Bunnell Elementary only):

- Animals must be crated
- Animals must have current vaccination records and supplies, including medications
- “Pets” are dogs, cats, birds, rabbits, rodents, and turtles
- Four (4) pet maximum
- No snakes, reptiles or farm animals and livestock
- No drop offs

Residents with special needs (Rymfire Elementary):

- Special needs residents are those who require assistance with daily living or who have medical conditions that prevent or hinder their ability to care for themselves, as well as those who require electricity or oxygen
- A family member or caregiver should stay at the shelter with the individual

Special needs shelters provide only limited medical care

Check for current information on Flagler County’s website www.flaglercounty.org, or tune into the county’s partner radio station WNZF, 1550 am, 106.3 fm and the Flagler Radio App worldwide. Follow “Flagler County Government” or “Flagler County Emergency Management” on Facebook or Twitter. The county’s social media team will provide updates through these official accounts:

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• Twitter.com/FlaglerEM

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