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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Special Medical Needs Shelter opening Monday at Rymfire Elementary

September 1, 2019 – Flagler County will open the Special Medical Needs Shelter at 8 a.m. Monday, September 2.

“Given the current track and intensity of Hurricane Dorian, we will begin to provide sheltering options, starting with our Special Medical Needs Shelter on Monday morning,” said Flagler County Emergency Management Director Jonathan Lord. “The shelter at Rymfire Elementary is not a general population shelter; it is specifically for those whose special medical needs require daily assistance and prevent or hinder their ability to care for themselves. Additional sheltering options will be provided soon.”

“Rymfire Elementary will open at 8 a.m. on Monday. The Department of Health Flagler, Flagler Schools, and County staff have done an outstanding job in preparing the shelter, as well as building the Special Needs Registry. All those registered have been contacted over the past several days to coordinate their arrival at the shelter.”

If you have special medical needs (requiring daily assistances, or that prevent or hinder your ability to care for yourself) AND

- Live in evacuation zones: A, B, F, flood-prone areas, or mobile / manufactured homes; or
- Require electricity for your medical needs, countywide;

Then you are encouraged to seek shelter at the Special Medical Needs Shelter on Monday.

“Even if you have not registered ahead of time, or need assistance with transportation to get there,” urged Lord, “we want you to know that you can utilize the Special Medical Needs Shelter. The shelter is ready to keep all of our most vulnerable residents safe.”

Rymfire Elementary is located at 1425 Rymfire Drive in Palm Coast.

A family member or caregiver is strongly encouraged to stay at the shelter with the Special Medical Needs individual.

If you need to arrange transportation to the shelter please contact the Flagler County Call Center at 386-586-5111.

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