

Charleston County Emergency Operations Center News Update

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Transportation to Shelters & CARTA Operations End at 8 p.m.

Transportation to shelters will end at 8 p.m., when sustained wind speeds are expected to reach 40 mph. Since the voluntary evacuation order was issued on Thursday, Sept. 4, Charleston County has been providing transportation to shelters for those who cannot drive or do not have a vehicle.

Anyone who needs to get to a shelter tonight but does not have transportation needs to call for assistance no later than 7:45 p.m. tonight. Residents who need transportation may call the Citizens Information Line at (843) 202-7100 or the Spanish Information Hotline, (843) 202-7191.

In addition, CARTA is continuing operations with all normal Friday afternoon and evening routes until 8 p.m. tonight, when sustained wind speeds are expected to reach 40 mph.

Shelters Open in Charleston County:

Stall High School 7749 Pinehurst Street N. Charleston, SC 29420

Midland Park Elementary School 2415 Midland Park Road N. Charleston, SC 29418

Morningside Middle School 1999 Singley Lane N. Charleston, SC 29405

Special Medical Needs Only

Alice Birney Middle School 7750 Pinehurst Street N. Charleston, SC 29420

Pet Shelter

North Charleston Coliseum 5000 Coliseum Dr N Charleston, SC 29418 **REQUIREMENTS:** Pets are only allowed in the designated animal emergency shelter at the North Charleston Coliseum. Only one person per pet is allowed to stay, and one person must stay with a pet because animals cannot be dropped off. You must bring all supplies needed for your pet: crate, collar, leash, food, identification, veterinarian/immunization records, etc.