

GLOUCESTER COUNTY
EMERGENCY INFORMATION

**HURRICANE FLORENCE
ANNOUNCEMENT 4**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DATE: Thursday, September 13, 2018

TIME: 2:00 PM (EDT)

CONTACT: Emergency Public Information Officer

PHONE: 804-693-3000 (during regular operating hours 8am - 4:30pm)

CLOSING OF EMERGENCY PUBLIC SHELTER

PUBLIC EMERGENCY SHELTER CLOSING: Due to the predicted reduction of threat for severe weather conditions from Hurricane Florence for Gloucester, **the emergency public shelter at Peasley Middle School will be closed effective 3 p.m. today, Thursday, September 13th.** A State-supported shelter is available at Christopher Newport University, located at 1 Avenue of the Arts (off Warwick Blvd.), Newport News, VA 23606.

EVACUATION OF ZONE A IS STILL IN EFFECT: The state's mandatory evacuation order for Zone A continues for residents in the lowest-lying and most flood-prone areas. To find information on your specific zone, visit www.knowyourzoneva.org or call 2-1-1 Virginia by phone. Law enforcement officials will not force people out of their residences. Those evacuating will be allowed back into the area after the storm unless there are safety issues such as unsafe roads, electric wires and downed trees. The Sheriff's department staff will be conducting special patrols through the evacuation zone areas as an added security measure.

PHONE HELPLINE: An Emergency Management Helpline is available during regular work hours from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. The number is 804-693-3000. **PLEASE RESERVE 911 CALLS FOR MATTERS RELATED TO SIGNIFICANT INJURIES, ILLNESSES AND LIFE-THREATENING EMERGENCIES.**

WAYS TO STAY INFORMED: Official county announcements will be posted on the county's website (www.gloucesterva.info), Gloucester County Facebook page, local radio and television stations (including WXGM 99.1 FM) and may also be distributed through CodeRed system notifications.

End of Announcement