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Inland Shelter Assigned for Craven County Residents under Mandatory Evacuation

NEW BERN, N.C. – Craven County issued a mandatory evacuation for all of Craven County effective at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 11, 2018. An emergency shelter outside of Craven County has been identified for Craven County evacuees who have nowhere else to evacuate to. The shelter is located at the [Sanford Army National Guard Facility, 2214 Nash Street, Sanford, NC 27331](#) and will be open as of 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 11, 2018. Pets will not be permitted at the Sanford shelter.

Residents that do not have transportation to Sanford should call the Craven County Emergency Management Citizens' Phone Bank at (252) 636-6608 between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 12, 2018 to request transportation assistance. Buses and seating will be limited so transportation assistance will be reserved for citizens that do not have transportation to evacuate.

The following Craven County Emergency Shelters will open at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 12, 2018 for citizens living in low lying areas prone to flooding who have nowhere else to relocate to but these shelters are to be used as a last resort only. A mandatory evacuation order has been issued for all of Craven County and all residents are strongly encouraged to evacuate outside of Craven County at the Sanford shelter.

1. Havelock High School (101 Webb Blvd, Havelock)
2. Brinson Elementary (319 Neuse Forest Ave, New Bern)
3. Benn Quinn Elementary (4275 Martin Luther King Blvd, New Bern) *Pet Friendly*
4. Farm Life Elementary (2000 Farm Life Ave, Vanceboro)

Citizens should bring their own pillows, blankets, medication, hygiene items, special foods, baby formula (if needed) and any other special needs items. There may be times that the shelters are without the ability to support medical devices and equipment.

Pets will be accepted at the Ben Quinn Elementary emergency shelter only. No other emergency shelters will allow pets. This shelter accepts cats and dogs only, no exotic pets. All pets must be crated. Pet owners need to bring bowls for food and water, food and medications for their pets, and rabies certificates (not the tags). Pet owners will be expected to remain at the shelter with their pet and are responsible for caring for and cleaning up after their pet.

Citizens are prohibited from bringing weapons, alcohol, illegal drugs, perishable food items, radios or televisions into an emergency shelter. Small hand-held devices can be used with headphones.

For more information on emergency shelters call Craven County Emergency Management at 252-636-6608. Craven County Government Emergency Management updates will appear on the Craven County website at www.cravencountync.gov, on the Craven County Facebook page [@cravencounty](https://www.facebook.com/cravencounty) and the Craven County Emergency Management Twitter account [@cravencountync](https://twitter.com/cravencountync). Visit the Craven County website to register to receive emergency notifications via text, email and phone calls through the CodeRed Emergency Notification System.

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