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Craven County to Open Emergency Shelters Later Today

NEW BERN, N.C. – Craven County Emergency Management will open three Emergency Shelters on Monday, August 3, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the following locations for citizens living in low lying areas prone to flooding who have nowhere else to relocate to:

1. Havelock High School (101 Webb Blvd, Havelock)
2. Ben D. Quinn Elementary (4275 Martin Luther King Blvd, New Bern) *Pet Friendly*
3. Vanceboro Farm Life Elementary (2000 Farm Life Ave, Vanceboro)

Emergency shelters are planned to close at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 4, 2020 if conditions allow.

Emergency shelters will have limited capacity due to COVID-19 so they are only to be used by those who have nowhere else to safely shelter during the storm. Residents are encouraged to seek shelter with family and friends or to stay in a hotel room if it can be afforded. If staying with family or friends to evacuate from the storm, talk to them about how everyone can best be protected from COVID-19. Consider if either of the households have someone who is at higher risk of developing severe illness from COVID-19 and what they can do to stay safe. Be sure to follow every day preventative actions, including covering coughs and sneezes, washing hands well and often, and avoiding touching eyes, noses and mouths with unwashed hands. Have a plan for what to do if someone starts to show COVID-19 related symptoms.

Citizens checking in to emergency shelters should bring their own pillows, blankets, medication, hygiene items, special foods, baby formula (if needed) and any other special needs items including hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol, liquid soap, sanitizing wipes and two cloth face coverings per person over the age of two. There may be times that the shelters are without the ability to support medical devices and equipment so portable charging devices are recommended. Food provision will be minimal.

Face coverings or masks will be required at all times for all shelter guests over the age of two.

Pets will be accepted at the Ben D. 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 Twitter account [@cravencountync](https://twitter.com/cravencountync).

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