



Chatham County Board of Commissioners

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NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

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The Evacuation Assembly Area Will Open Tuesday at 8AM

Chatham County, GA (September 2, 2019) – The Evacuation Assembly Area (EAA) will open at the Savannah Civic Center at 8AM on Tuesday, September 3, 2019, to assist people that cannot evacuate themselves from Chatham County. People can take a Chatham Area Transit (CAT) bus to the Civic Center free of charge.

Citizens will be transported from the EAA to an inland county shelter.

To ensure a place on the shuttles, residents should plan to arrive at the EAA in the morning.

The EAA requests the following:

- No more than two bags or pieces of luggage per person.
- If evacuating with an animal, only domesticated animals will be accepted. Animals should be in a crate and have shot records.

Late Sunday evening, Georgia Governor Brian Kemp called for mandatory evacuations of Coastal Georgia counties for areas east of I-95 beginning at noon on Monday, September 2. Chatham County residents should now begin preparations for evacuation.

The Georgia Department of Transportation will start westerly contraflow on I-16 at 8AM on Tuesday, September 3. This new traffic pattern will allow traffic to flow westerly on all four lanes of I-16 towards Macon.

The Chatham Emergency Management Agency (CEMA) remains in the Mobilization Phase (Operating Condition 3). CEMA has been in either Operating Condition 3 or 4 for the past seven days monitoring Hurricane Dorian and putting resources in place. The county is now ready for evacuation beginning at noon today.

Governor Brian Kemp will hold a press conference at 10:30AM this morning in Chatham County with local officials to provide additional information.

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