



Chatham County Board of Commissioners
124 Bull Street, Savannah, GA 31401

Hurricane Irma Update

SAVANNAH, GA – (September 8, 2017) The Chatham Emergency Management Agency (CEMA) is still closely monitoring Hurricane Irma, the 2 pm advisory states that Irma is still a Category 4 Hurricane with maximum sustained winds at 155 mph, moving at 14 mph and tropical storm force winds extending 185 miles from the center of the storm. The storm is currently 758 miles southeast of Chatham County.

Individuals with functional access and medical needs began evacuating this morning. Mandatory evacuations for all of Chatham County begins at 8 a.m. tomorrow morning. The contra-flow of Interstate I -16 will start at 8 a.m. as well. The evacuation will now be done by zones using the following schedule:

- Zone A: 8 AM—12PM Saturday
- Zone B: 12 PM—8 PM Saturday
- Zone C: 8 AM—12 PM Sunday

If you or someone you know is unable to evacuate on their own, get to the evacuation assembly area (EAA) at the Savannah Civic Center. A ride will be provided to an inland county shelter. The shuttles will begin running at 8 a.m. The EAA will stop accepting passengers at 7 p.m. for the night. On Sunday, the EAA will begin taking passengers at 8 a.m. Those needing assistance are encouraged to arrive early.

The EAA requests the following:

- Only two bags or pieces of luggage per person
- If you bring an animal, only domesticated animals are allowed. They must be in a crate and have shot records

Make plans to leave now. Irma is still a strong and very large storm with a large degree of uncertainty in the storm's track.

As of September 7, 2017, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has authorized to provide debris removal and emergency protective services for Chatham County and surrounding counties.

Chatham County residents are strongly encouraged to finalize plans and put them into action now.

- Follow official sources for storm updates, including chathamemergency.org and CEMA's social media sites including Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.
- For the most up-to-date information, call the CEMA/WTOC hotline at 912-644-8811.
- For specific questions, call 912-201-4500.

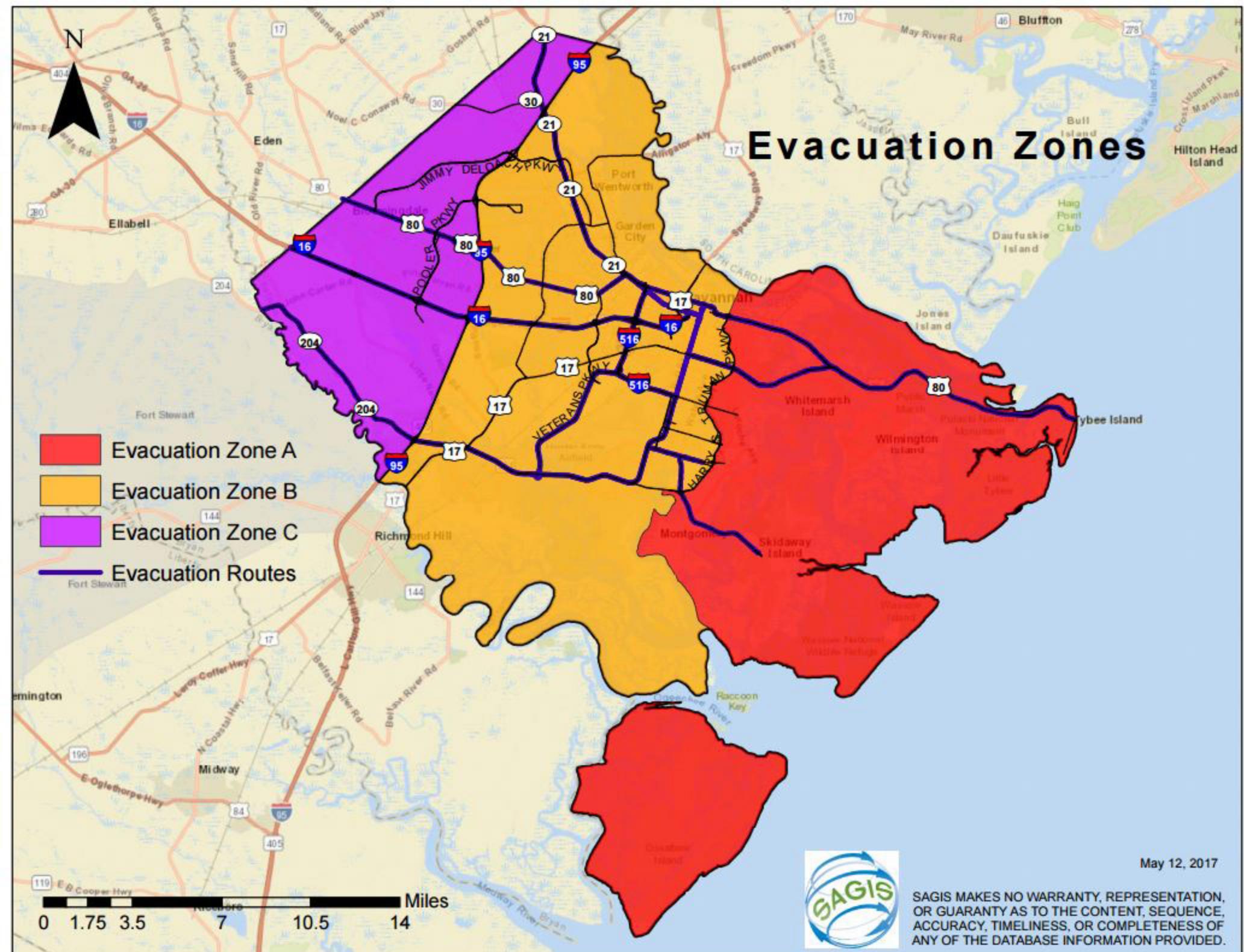
For sheltering information, go to www.redcross.org.

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Evacuation Zones

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Size COMPARISON to Georgia

