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## **City of Charleston Hurricane Matthew PM Update**

**Charleston, S.C.**— Mayor Tecklenburg and representatives of the Emergency Management team held a press briefing this afternoon to urge citizens to evacuate.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, “It’s not in our nature to be inhospitable, but now is the time to leave Charleston. We are facing the threat of severe flooding caused by storm surge, high tide and potentially over a foot of rain hitting us all at once, and for that reason we are urging everyone to evacuate while there is still time.”

Watch the full briefing here:

<https://www.facebook.com/CityCharleston/videos/10153787486876962/>.

Charleston City Council held an emergency meeting telephonically today at 3:15 p.m. and passed the following:

- An Executive Order declaring a state of emergency in the City;
- An Emergency Ordinance prohibiting price gouging;
- An Emergency Ordinance authorizing the closure of streets;
- An Emergency Ordinance establishing a curfew; and
- An Emergency Ordinance closing the peninsula to outsiders.

The Executive Order and the Ordinances regarding the price gouging and street closures went into effect immediately.

**The Ordinances regarding the curfew and peninsula closure are not currently in effect. They will be implemented by the Mayor when and if circumstances warrant.**

Charleston City Council will hold an emergency meeting telephonically at 3:00 p.m. Friday, October 7, 2016 for a briefing on Hurricane Matthew.

Dial in: 800-747-5150

Access Code: 7243729

The City of Charleston Citizen’s Information Line is active: (843) 973-7219.

**CARTA announced the following information regarding emergency transportation:**

50 BROAD STREET • CHARLESTON, S.C. 29401 • TELEPHONE (843) 724-3746 • FAX (843) 724-3734

CARTA will suspend its emergency bus service to open shelters– on-demand pickup for seniors, pet owners and those at blue hurricane signs downtown – at 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6. Until then, anyone who needs a ride is asked to call the Charleston County Emergency Operations Center at (843) 746-3900 to get started.

They will resume emergency transportation to open shelters tomorrow, October 7 at 8 a.m. Service will run as long as weather permits.

More information will be available as this situation progresses. The latest on CARTA service alterations can be found at:

- [www.ridecarta.com/hurricanematthew](http://www.ridecarta.com/hurricanematthew)
- Facebook/rideCARTA
- Twitter: @rideCARTA
- CARTA Customer Service: (843) 724-7420

**Charleston County announced the following information regarding shelters and evacuation routes:**

Shelter List:

- North Charleston High School, 1087 E Montague Ave, North Charleston, SC 29405
- Stall High School, 3625 Ashley Phosphate Rd, North Charleston, SC 29418
- A.C. Corcoran Elementary, 8585 Vistavia Rd, North Charleston, SC 29406
- Midland Park Primary, 2415 Midland Park Road, North Charleston, SC 29406
- Ladson Elementary, 3321 Ladson Rd, Ladson, SC 29456
- Edmund A. Burns Elementary, 3750 Dorchester Road, North Charleston, SC 29405 (Pet / Pet Owner Shelter)

Items to bring if you are locating to a shelter:

- Prescription and emergency medications, extra clothing, pillows, blankets, hygiene supplies, important documents and other comfort items.
- It's also important not to forget special items for children, such as diapers, formula and toys, and other items for family members who have unique needs

Coastal Evacuation Routes can be read here: <http://bit.ly/2dphirh>

Charleston County is providing citizens transportation to local shelters from designated hurricane pick-up points. Buses will run until 8:00 p.m. tonight and operations tomorrow will be dependent on the weather. The locations are available in the Charleston County Hurricane Guide: <http://bit.ly/22prNZK>.

**For More Information:** City's Citizen Information Line is (843) 973-7219.