



Hurricane Florence Impacts to Children and Child Care

Child Care Aware® of America (CCAOA) along with our partner organizations Children's Disaster Services, Humanity Road and Save the Children are continuing to assess the situation evolving from Hurricane Florence, a Category 4 storm which may approach or achieve Category 5 status by landfall. This is a dangerous storm and individuals in the path of this storm should take necessary precautions. The time to prepare is now.

The Latest

South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia and the District of Columbia have declared a state of emergency to aid in preparation in advance of this storm.

Action Steps

Early learning professionals should be preparing for this emergency now.

- Fill up your vehicle with gas, identify a backup source of power for your cell phone (car charger)
- Ensure you have medication to last throughout the storm
- Begin communicating with your families and parents about your plan, closures and how they will be notified that you have reopened
- Secure or bring inside playground equipment and other outdoor furniture
- Clean out your gutters, drains - empty rain barrels
- Ensure you have some cash - credit cards and ATMs will not work during power outages
- Obtain food, water and any other supplies you may need. Plan for 72 hours.
- Make copies/take pictures of all vital information - move items off the floor in case flooding occurs.

For additional tips and information, please visit the Child Care Aware of America's Hurricane Preparedness Page:

<http://usa.childcareaware.org/advocacy-public-policy/crisis-and-disaster-resources/caregiver-and-ccrr-tools-publications-and-resources/hurricanes/>

Timing

The latest forecast data indicates that Hurricane Florence will arrive late Thursday or early Friday with coastal impacts occurring late Thursday into Friday. Winds will be a major threat with this storm and tropical-storm-force winds will likely arrive by Thursday (morning or midday). Hurricane conditions are likely to arrive Thursday night.

Threats

- Flooding
- Power outages
- Downed trees
- Damage from high winds, flying objects

Due to the amount of rainfall, combined with heavy winds, it is likely that the many trees will topple. This could cause long lasting power outages from Thursday into Monday or beyond. The threat of power outages and flooding extends inland, so even individuals not on the coast must be prepared. According to the National Hurricane Center, Florence is expected to produce 15 to 20 inches of rain, with isolated totals to over 2 feet in parts of North Carolina, Virginia, and northern South Carolina through Saturday.

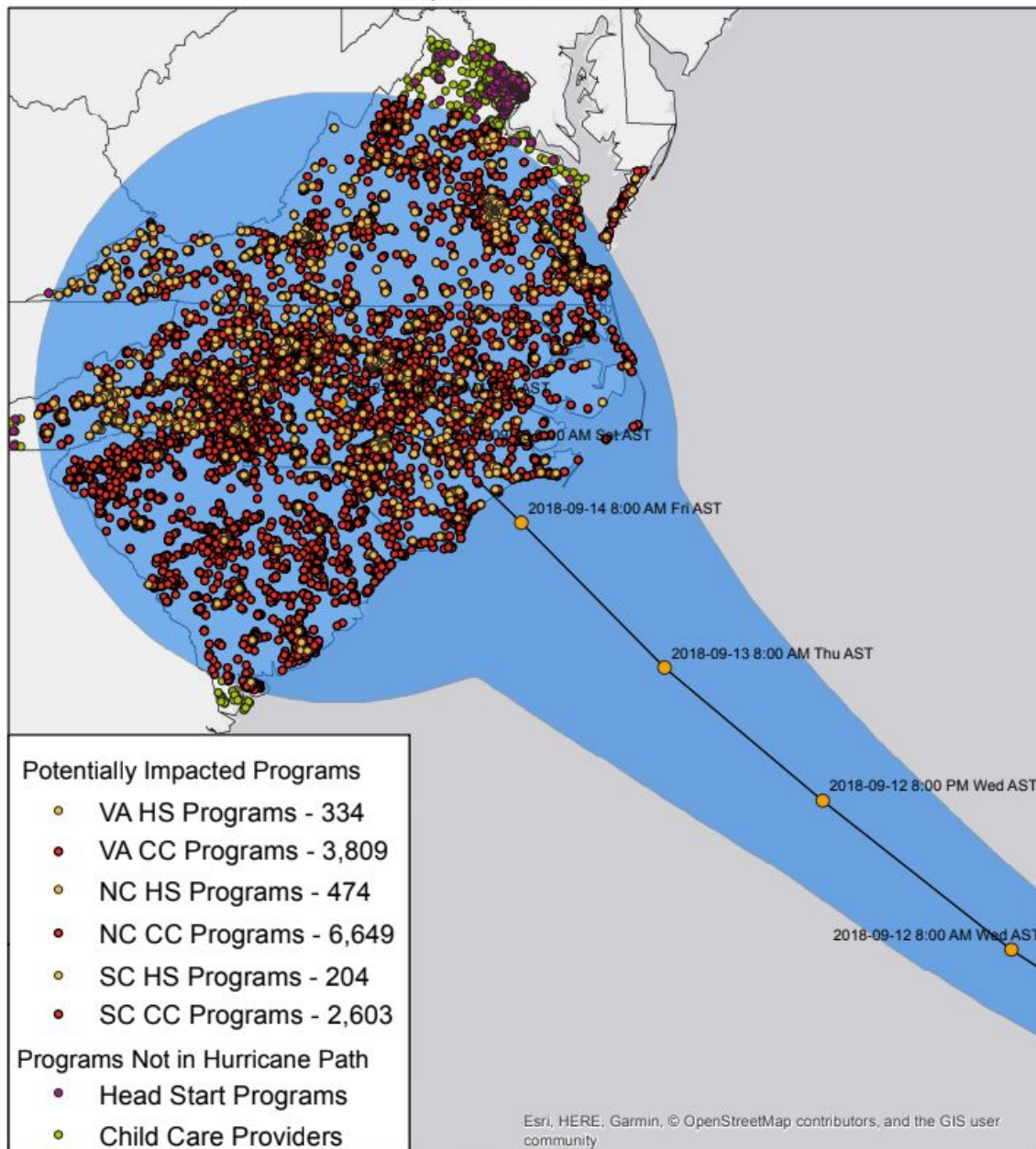


In total there are 1,102 Head Start programs and 13,601 child care programs that will be potentially impacted by Hurricane Florence.



Child Care and Head Start Programs Potentially Impacted by Hurricane Florence

September 11, 2018





CCAoA is committed to supporting our partners in the area, monitoring this situation, and coordinating efforts with preparedness and response organizations, as well as our Child Care Resource and Referral members in the impacted areas.

South Carolina

The Governor also issued Executive Order 2018-30, which orders school closures and closures of all state government offices for all non-essential personnel in the following counties, beginning tomorrow, Tuesday, September 11: Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Beaufort, Barnwell, Berkeley, Calhoun, Charleston, Colleton, Clarendon, Darlington, Dillon, Dorchester, Florence, Georgetown, Hampton, Horry, Jasper, Lexington, Lee, Marion, Marlboro, Orangeburg, Richland, Sumter, and Williamsburg.

Latest information: <https://www.scemd.org/>

North Carolina

As of 6 pm on September 10th, the following counties have ordered evacuations:

- Bertie County – voluntary evacuation of waterfront and low-lying areas effective Wednesday, Sept 12
- Brunswick County - voluntary evacuation of unincorporated areas effective Tuesday, Sept 11; mandatory evacuation of low-lying and flood-prone areas, people in substandard or mobile homes effective Tuesday, Sept 11
- Currituck County - mandatory evacuation for Currituck Outer Banks (Corolla and Carova) effective 7am Tuesday, Sept 11
- Dare County - mandatory evacuation for Hatteras Island effective noon Monday, Sept 10; mandatory evacuation for entire county effective 7am Tuesday, Sept 11
- Hyde County - mandatory evacuation for visitors to Ocracoke effective Monday, Sept. 10; mandatory evacuation for residents to Ocracoke effective Tuesday, Sept 11
- New Hanover County - mandatory evacuation for UNCW
- Onslow County – voluntary evacuation of unincorporated areas and Surf City effective Monday, Sept 10; mandatory evacuation of Topsail Beach effective Tuesday, Sept 11

Latest information: <https://www.ncdps.gov/florence>

Virginia

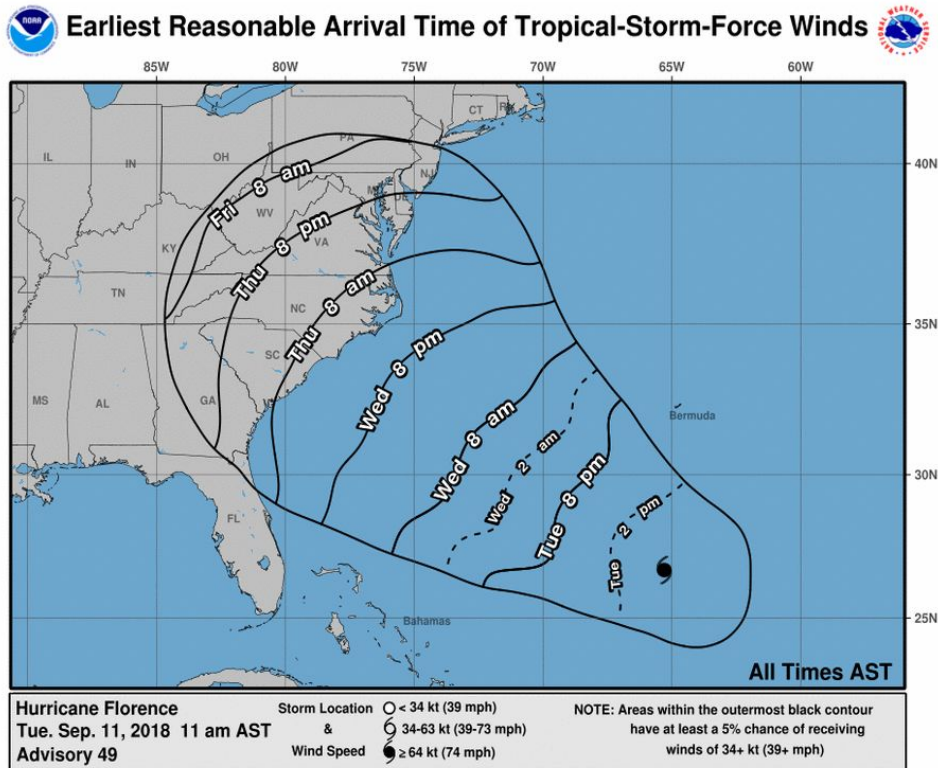
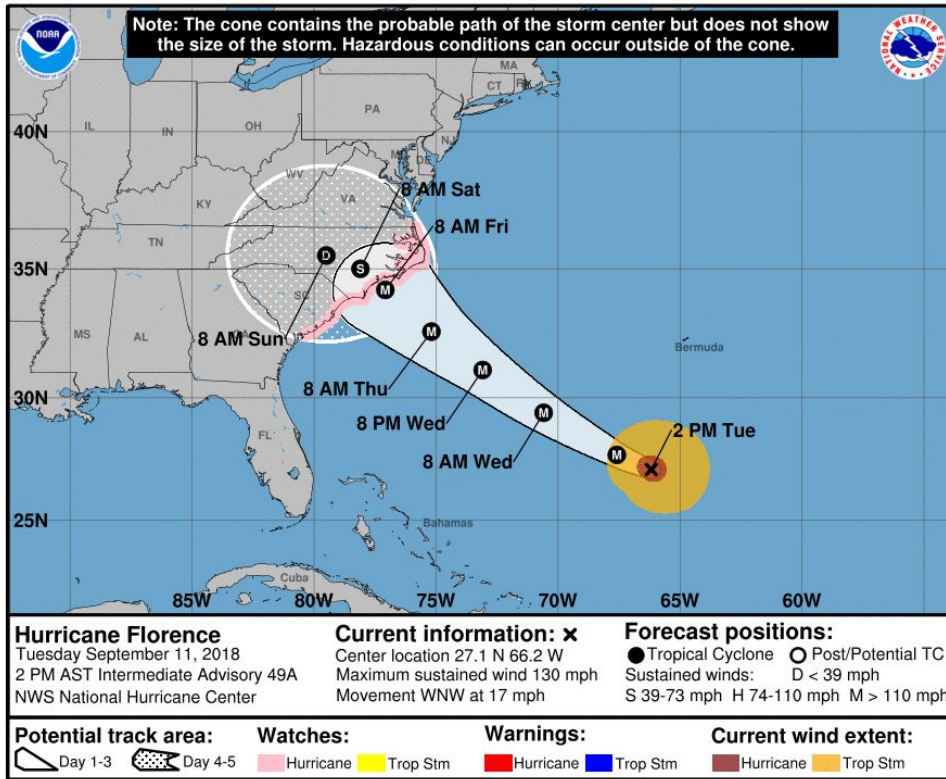
There is a mandatory evacuation for Zone A, including the Eastern Shore and Hampton Roads areas beginning at 8 a.m. Tuesday. Over 245,000 people live in this low-lying coastal area.

Latest information: <http://www.vaemergency.gov/>

District of Columbia

Flooding and wind is the biggest threat for the District of Columbia. An emergency declaration was issued on September 11, 2018 and is valid for 15 days.

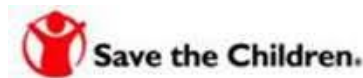
Latest information: <https://hsema.dc.gov/>





[Children's Disaster Services](#) (CDS) provides temporary, respite care for children in shelters or assistance centers with trained and certified volunteers in the aftermath of disasters. The purpose of our work is to provide a calm, nurturing presence for children and their families in the midst of the chaos of disaster response. CDS teams can meet the needs of children while parents work to take care of the other needs of their families.

CDS currently has team teams alerted for Hurricane Florence and ready to deploy after the hurricane hits as soon as travel is possible. If called, the team will deploy to mass care shelters through the American Red Cross.



Save the Children is pre-positioning a team equipped with infant and toddler supplies in North Carolina, and we have a state team of staff in South Carolina. We are coordinating with national, state & local partners to identify children and families' unmet needs. Contingent upon the impact and availability of resources, Save the Children, is prepared to offer the following programs & services in the impact areas:

Temporary Respite Care and Child Protection Programs for Children in Shelters and Evacuation

Centers: Save the Children is one of only two American Red Cross national VOAD partners who provide safe play spaces for children in in shelters through our Child-Friendly Spaces program. Additionally, we provide psychosocial and child protection programs to support children and families in shelters.

Distribution of essential materials to support children and families well-being immediately

post-disaster: These supplies include diapers, cribs, stroller, blankets, children's clothing, hygiene kits, classroom materials among others.

Child Care and Education Restoration: Save the Children, in partnership with Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies, is the national leader in child care recovery and restoration of programs. We are ready to help early learning and licensed child care programs get the supplies and support they need to rebuild and open as quickly as possible.

Social Emotional Recovery Programming for Children and Caregivers: Save the Children is ready to support social-emotional recovery for children and caregivers through our flagship Journey of Hope program which helps children and caregivers cope with emotions, process what has happened and reduce stress post-crisis.

Children in Emergencies Coordination and Working Groups: Save the Children, in partnership with local actors, is prepared to help lead coordination working groups that bring together federal, state and local partners to support children's holistic needs.

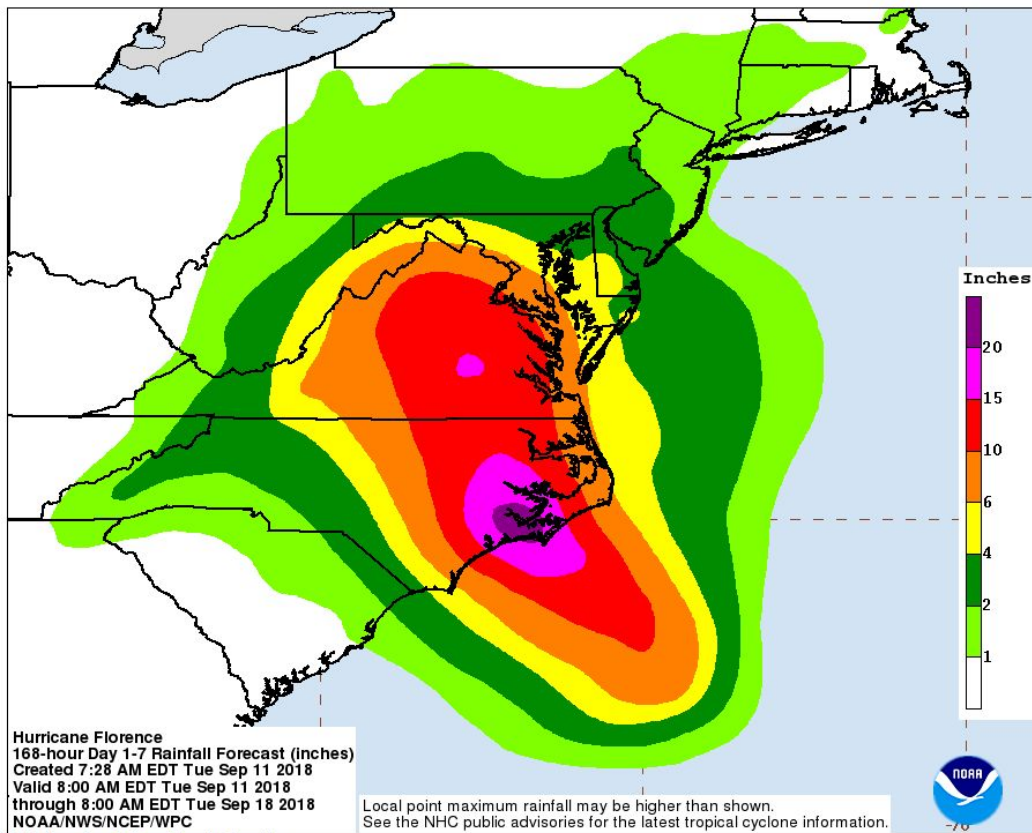


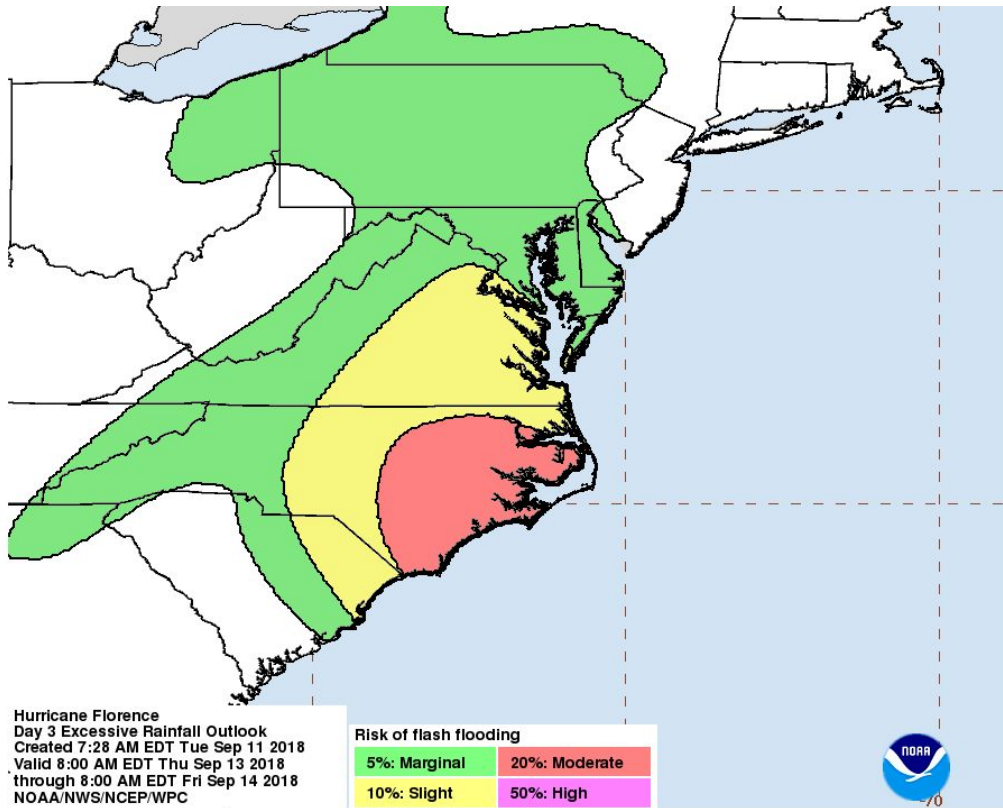
HUMANITYROAD

Humanity Road is activated and currently monitoring pre-landfall conditions. We are coordinating with national, state and local agencies. We are working with our public and private sector partners to support information needs and establishing our digital response teams for each state. The impact for this event is across a broad geographic area. We will be publishing situation updates in social media and amplifying officials.

We encourage all in the impact area to take steps to improve your ability to communicate after landfall. This includes, limiting voice calls to reduce network demand. Turn off unneeded apps, adjust screen brightness to lengthen battery life. Text messaging uses less battery than voice calls. If you have two call enabled devices or cell phones in the house, update your voicemail message and turn one off to reserve battery for emergency use. For the latest: <https://www.humanityroad.org/>

Additional Maps





We will continue to monitor this dangerous storm and the aftermath.
For the latest information, please visit www.childcareprepare.org and click on Hurricane Florence
To reach us: preparedness@usa.childcareaware.org