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How to Prepare for the Hurricane Season during the COVID-19 Pandemic Press Release #17

Trenton, NC – The National Hurricane Center is already starting to issue storm advisories that could impact the North Carolina coast line. As the hurricane season starts, which runs from June 1 to November 30, it is important for residents to start thinking about their preparations. The COVID-19 pandemic will add additional challenges such as reducing the number of residents at a storm shelter due to social distancing. However, you can start thinking about your plans and how you would prepare for any upcoming storms.

The following are tips and items to think about when preparing and making your personal hurricane plan:

- 1) Make a plan to stay with family or friends at a safe place inland, or at a hotel, if you need to evacuate. Staying with family or friends, or at a hotel, will help reduce the chances of you being exposed to, or transmitting the COVID-19 virus.
- 2) Take time now to review your evacuation routes, plan for a primary and alternate route. To learn about evacuation routes, please visit: <https://www.ncdot.gov/travel-maps/maps/Pages/evacuation-routes.aspx>
- 3) Be sure to include additional supplies in your emergency kit to stay healthy: face coverings, hand sanitizer, cleaning products and sanitizing wipes. Leave your emergency kit out where you can have easy access to it. For more information on what you should have in your emergency kit, please visit: www.readync.gov.
- 4) Register for the emergency alerts and follow Jones County Government social media pages for updates.

For more information on Hurricane Preparations, please visit Ready NC at www.readync.gov.

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