



NEWS FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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HURRICANE JONES EXERCISE UPDATE 1

Volusia County under tropical storm warning and tornado watch



Volusia County officials are keeping a close eye on Hurricane Jones as it makes its way across the Florida peninsula. The Category 3 storm, packing winds of 120 mph, is currently 25 miles west of Naples and is expected to make landfall in a few hours.

Most computer models predict that the hurricane will pass through the western part of the state, avoiding a direct hit on Volusia County.

Volusia County is under a **tornado watch** and a **tropical storm warning**, which means tropical storm conditions with sustained winds from 39 to 73 mph are expected within the next 48 hours. According to the National Weather Service, Volusia County may receive 10 to 20 inches of rain by Thursday morning.

County residents are already experiencing heavy rains and wind gusts.

No evacuations or closures have been announced at this time.

Volusia County's Emergency Management staff is taking part in twice-daily conference calls with the State Division of Emergency Management, National Hurricane Center, and the local National Weather Service office.

The county's Emergency Operations Center was activated at 6 a.m. today. The high-tech facility serves as the central coordination center for emergency response, working space for county officials, all disaster-response functions, and representatives from the county's 16 municipalities.

INFORMATION

- The **Citizens Information Center** telephone hotline will be open 24 hours a day. Residents may call 866-345-0345.
- Updates will be posted at www.volusia.org/pin.
- Residents are encouraged to sign up to receive emergency telephone or e-mail notifications from Volusia County's Emergency Management Division at www.volusia.org/emergency.

VOLUNTARY EVACUATIONS

Volusia County Emergency Management officials recommend that persons living in mobile homes and low-lying areas seek appropriate shelter.

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SANDBAGS

Beginning today and continuing throughout the week, county and city public works departments will provide free sand and empty sandbags to county residents from 7 a.m. to dusk.

Residents should bring shovels and be prepared to fill and transport the bags. There will be a 25-bag limit per household.

Materials will be available at:

- Volusia County Public Works office, 455 Walker St., Holly Hill
- Volusia County Road and Bridge, 530 N. Dixie Freeway, New Smyrna Beach
- Volusia County Road and Bridge, 200 N. State Road 415, Osteen
- Volusia County Road and Bridge, 2560 W. State Road 44, DeLand
- Deltona Public Works, 201 Howland Blvd., Deltona
- DeLand Public Works, 1102 S. Garfield Ave., DeLand
- Orange City Public Works, 1110 Thorpe Ave., Orange City
- Edgewater Public Works, 401 Mango Tree Drive, Edgewater
- New Smyrna Beach Public Works, 124 Industrial Park Ave., New Smyrna Beach
- Port Orange Public Works, 407 Virginia Ave., Port Orange
- South Daytona Public Works, 1770 S. Segrave St., South Daytona
- Ormond Beach Public Works, 501 N. Orchard St., Ormond Beach
- Ponce Inlet Public Works, 4875 S. Peninsula Drive, Ponce Inlet

For a map of sandbag sites, visit <http://bit.ly/1o5BOKq>.

SHELTERS

The American Red Cross and Volusia County Health Department have opened the following shelters:

- Pine Trail Elementary School, 300 Airport Road, Ormond Beach
- Pathways Elementary School, 2100 Airport Road, Ormond Beach
- Hinson Middle School (**PF**), 1860 N. Clyde Morris Blvd., Daytona Beach
- Champion Elementary School, 921 Tournament Drive, Daytona Beach
- Palm Terrace Elementary School (FSNS & PF), 1825 Dunn Ave., Daytona Beach
- Campbell Middle School, 625 S. Keech St., Daytona Beach
- Mainland High School, 1255 W. Int'l. Speedway Blvd., Daytona Beach
- Atlantic High School (**FSNS and PF**), 1250 Reed Canal Road, Port Orange
- Creekside Middle School (**FSNS and PF**), 6801 Airport Road, Port Orange
- Horizon Elementary School, 4751 Hidden Lake Drive, Port Orange
- Sweetwater Elementary School, 5800 Victoria Gardens Blvd., Port Orange
- Cypress Creek Elementary School, 6100 S. Williamson Blvd., Port Orange
- New Smyrna Beach High School, 1015 10th St., New Smyrna Beach
- T.D. Taylor Middle/High School, 100 E. Washington Ave., Pierson
- Freedom Elementary School (**FSNS and PF**), 1395 S. Blue Lake Ave., DeLand
- Volusia County Fairgrounds (**PPS**), 3150 E. State Road 44, DeLand
- DeLand High School, 800 N. Hill Ave., DeLand

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- DeLand Middle School, 1400 Aquarius Ave., DeLand
- Citrus Grove Elementary School, 729 Hazen Road, DeLand
- Volusia Pines Elementary School, 500 E. Kicklighter Road, Lake Helen
- Deltona High School (**SIP**), 100 Wolf Pack Run, Deltona
- Pine Ridge High School (**SIP**), 925 Howland Blvd., Deltona
- Galaxy Middle School (**FSNS and PF**), 2400 Eustace Ave., Deltona
- Heritage Middle School (**FSNS and PF**), 1001 Parnell Court, Deltona
- Friendship Elementary School, 2746 Fulford St., Deltona
- Timbercrest Elementary School, 2401 Eustace Ave., Deltona
- Deltona Lakes Elementary School, 2022 Adelia Blvd., Deltona
- Spirit Elementary School, 1500 Meadowlark Drive, Deltona
- Discovery Elementary School, 975 Abigail Drive, Deltona
- Forest Lake Elementary School, 1600 Doyle Road, Deltona
- Sunrise Elementary School, 3155 Phonetia Drive, Deltona
- Pride Elementary School, 1100 Learning Lane, Deltona
- DeBary Elementary School, 88 W. Highbanks Road, DeBary
- Manatee Cove Elementary School, 734 W. Ohio Ave., Orange City
- River Springs Middle School, 900 W. Ohio Ave., Orange City
- University High School, 1000 W. Rhode Island Ave., Orange City
- Osteen Elementary School, 500 Doyle Road, Osteen

Shelter codes:

- **SIP:** Shelter Information Point (central location to direct evacuees to shelters in Deltona)
- **FSNS:** Functional/Special Needs Shelter – Assists evacuees with disabilities or functional medical needs. This is also a pet-friendly shelter. Evacuees and their service animals will remain in the same location.
- **PF:** Pet-Friendly – people and pets are housed in separate locations at the shelter
- **PPS:** People and Pet Shelter (people and pets are housed in the same location – Fairgrounds only)

ROADS

Due to the projected strong winds and significant rain, persons who do not need to be on the roads are encouraged to stay home. If they must travel, motorists are encouraged to use caution.

The following roads are closed due to flooding:

- Lake Drive, Laurianne Road, Sackett Road, Wildwood Drive, Briarwood Drive and Tanglewood Drive in DeBary
- East Highbanks Road at Madera Road, DeBary
- Lake Gertie Road, DeLand
- North Stone Street at Greens Dairy Road, DeLand
- Old Dixie Highway from Pumphouse Road to Monaghan Drive, Ormond Beach
- Old Dixie Highway from Monaghan Drive to Walter Boardman Lane, Ormond Beach
- Van Avenue at Liberty Street, Daytona Beach Shores
- Highbridge Road from Walter Boardman Lane to High Bridge Board, Flagler Beach
- Highbridge Road from Highbridge Road to John Anderson Drive, Flagler Beach
- Highbridge Road from John Anderson Drive to Ocean Shore Boulevard, Flagler Beach

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BEACHES

The beaches are closed to vehicular traffic. Because of strong winds and high tides, residents and visitors are advised to stay off the beach and out of the water.

POWER OUTAGES

Duke Energy customers can call 800-228-8485 to report an outage. Storm information is available at www.duke-energy.com.

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