Hurricane Irma Updates for the Florida Hospitals in Volusia & Flagler Counties

VOLUSIA & FLAGLER COUNTIES, Fla., September 9, 2017, 3 p.m. – Impact winds from Hurricane Irma are expected to arrive in Volusia and Flagler counties Sunday and are forecasted to extend through Monday.

In preparation for the storm’s impact, the Florida Hospitals in Volusia and Flagler counties have taken the following protective actions:

- **Florida Hospital Oceanside** in Ormond Beach transferred 31 patients to Florida Hospital Memorial Medical Center in Daytona Beach on Sept. 8. and the emergency department is closed. The 80-bed facility is located beachside on A1A and is positioned within a mandatory evacuation zone in Volusia County.
- **Florida Hospital New Smyrna** in New Smyrna Beach transferred approximately 50 patients to Florida Hospital DeLand in DeLand and Florida Hospital Fish Memorial in Orange City on Sept. 8. The emergency department will close today at 7 p.m. The 112-bed facility is located within a flood zone and is a few short blocks from the Intracoastal Waterway.
- **Florida Hospital DeLand** in DeLand, **Florida Hospital Fish Memorial** in Orange City, **Florida Hospital Flagler** in Palm Coast, and **Florida Hospital Memorial Medical Center** in Daytona Beach and the emergency departments are open for patients with medical emergencies.

It is important to note that the hospitals do not serve as hurricane shelters and community members are encouraged to either stay at a designated hurricane shelter or evacuate from the storm’s impact zone.

Throughout Hurricane Irma, area residents will have **free access to Florida Hospital eCare** Urgent Care providers. This is a live and secure tele-health consultation for a range of urgent care services, such as pink eye, coughs/colds/flu, minor injuries, lower back pain, allergies, urinary tract infections, and more. Typically, the virtual visits are $49, but now through Tuesday, Sept. 12, Florida Hospital offers the service completely free. The community is encouraged to download the eCare app and set up a personal or family account before the storm impacts the area.

Additional updates will be communicated as information is available. To receive instant updates, follow the Florida Hospital on Twitter at [Twitter.com/FloridaHospital](https://Twitter.com/FloridaHospital) or any of the specific Florida Hospital Facebook pages at:

- Florida Hospital DeLand in DeLand: [https://www.facebook.com/FloridaHospitalDeLand](https://www.facebook.com/FloridaHospitalDeLand)
- Florida Hospital Fish Memorial in Orange City: [https://www.facebook.com/FloridaHospitalFishMemorial](https://www.facebook.com/FloridaHospitalFishMemorial)
- Florida Hospital Flagler in Palm Coast: [www.facebook.com/FloridaHospitalFlagler](www.facebook.com/FloridaHospitalFlagler)
- Florida Hospital Memorial Medical Center in Daytona Beach: [www.facebook.com/FloridaHospitalMemorialMedicalCenter](www.facebook.com/FloridaHospitalMemorialMedicalCenter)
- Florida Hospital New Smyrna in New Smyrna Beach: [https://www.facebook.com/FloridaHospitalNewSmyrna](https://www.facebook.com/FloridaHospitalNewSmyrna)

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VOLUSIA & FLAGLER COUNTIES, Fla., September 7, 2017, 8 p.m. – As Hurricane Irma advances to Florida, the Florida Hospitals in Volusia and Flagler counties have already begun preparations to help staff prepare, respond and recover from the potential impact.

Hurricane Irma has been labeled the most powerful hurricane ever recorded in the Atlantic Ocean and Florida Hospital is are not taking this threat lightly.

Each of the Florida Hospitals in Volusia and Flagler counties have individual hurricane plans to help staff prepare, respond and recover from a potential storm.

Several considerations factor into the decision of whether or not to evacuate a hospital facility, such as wind speeds and storm surge. In an abundance of caution, protective actions taken at the Florida Hospitals in Volusia and Flagler counties include:

- **Florida Hospital Oceanside** is an 80-bed facility located beachside in Ormond Beach on A1A. This facility will evacuate 31 patients to Florida Hospital Memorial Medical Center in Daytona Beach on Friday, September 8. The emergency department at this facility is also expected to close, however the exact time has not yet been determined.

- **Florida Hospital New Smyrna** is a 112-bed facility located in New Smyrna Beach, a few short blocks from the Intracoastal Waterway. This facility will evacuate approximately 50 patients to Florida Hospital DeLand in DeLand and Florida Hospital Fish Memorial in Orange City on Friday, September 8. The entire hospital will be closed and the emergency department at this facility will be closed to patients as of noon on Saturday, September 9.

- The ERs will be open and available for patients in emergency medical situations at:
  - Florida Hospital DeLand in DeLand
  - Florida Hospital Fish Memorial in Orange City
  - Florida Hospital Flagler in Palm Coast
  - Florida Hospital Memorial Medical Center in Daytona Beach

- All procedures, diagnostic testing and outpatient appointments scheduled for Monday, September 11 are cancelled and will need to be rescheduled for future dates.

- All freestanding Florida Hospital outpatient facilities and employed physician offices will be closed on Monday, September 11. Depending on the storm’s track and localized impact, these facilities and offices plan to assess any damages on Tuesday, September 12 to evaluate reopening.

Every day, the staff at Florida Hospital work diligently to provide quality and compassionate care for the community and patients. Our mission to extend the healing ministry of Christ continues to drive our team, even during inclement weather. It’s essential that we keep the medical needs of our patients at the forefront of everything we do. As such, our hospitals need to be good stewards of each resource possibly needed during the duration of the hurricane (this includes space, water, food, etc.), especially given the uncertainty of how long these resources are needed. With this in mind, our hospitals are ready to serve patients, but are not designed to be emergency shelters. Community members are encouraged to seek shelter at either a designated hurricane shelter or evacuate from the storm’s impact zone.

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- Florida Hospital Flagler in Palm Coast: [www.facebook.com/floridahospitalflagler](www.facebook.com/floridahospitalflagler)
About Florida Hospital Central Florida Division - North Region
A member of Adventist Health System, Florida Hospital’s mission is to extend the healing ministry of Christ. Encompassing seven Florida Hospitals in Flagler, Lake and Volusia counties, the Florida Hospital Central Florida Division - North Region is the largest hospital system in the area, with 1,226 beds and more than 7,800 employees. The Florida Hospital Central Florida Division - North Region includes Florida Hospital DeLand in DeLand, Florida Hospital Fish Memorial in Orange City, Florida Hospital Flagler in Palm Coast, Florida Hospital Memorial Medical Center in Daytona Beach, Florida Hospital Oceanside in Ormond Beach, Florida Hospital New Smyrna in New Smyrna Beach, and Florida Hospital Waterman in Tavares.

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