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September 9, 2017

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Dear Islanders -

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Hilton Head Island is under a mandatory evacuation as issued by Governor McMaster Friday night. Beaufort County Sheriffs Department is implementing the evacuation order and the Town of Hilton Head Island is complying with that order.

Below is a quick list of what we know right now (Saturday, September 9th at 2:00 p.m.):

- Beaufort County is under a Hurricane Watch and Storm Surge Watch. See photo below and [link here to follow updates](#).
- Hilton Head Island Hospital's Emergency Room will suspend services today (Saturday) at 4 p.m.
- Evacuation by all Hilton Head Island citizens is essential, considering our threat of flooding, storm surge (potentially 4-6ft) and possible sustained hurricane strength winds.
- Hilton Head Island public schools will be closed on Monday and Tuesday.
- Your Hilton Head Island emergency management team, led by Tom Dunn has been working to prepare our island for this storm.

- The nearest shelter is Bluffton High School and will be open on Sunday at 9 a.m. The Jasper County Shelter is currently open at Ridgeland-Hardeeville High School.
- Evacuation/Transportation (bus) schedules [are available here](#).
- As of 10 a.m. this morning road blocks are in place and residents and guests will no longer be able to enter or re-enter Hilton Head Island until the evacuation order is lifted.

Below is a photo taken in the last hour across from Central Oak Grove on Mathews Drive. Tides are already elevated.

Wind and water are extremely unpredictable and we ask that you follow the evacuation orders and monitor the weather for your safety and the safety of your families.

More updates to come. Thank you for your support and patience at this time. Email me at davidb@townofhiltonheadislandsc.gov.

- David

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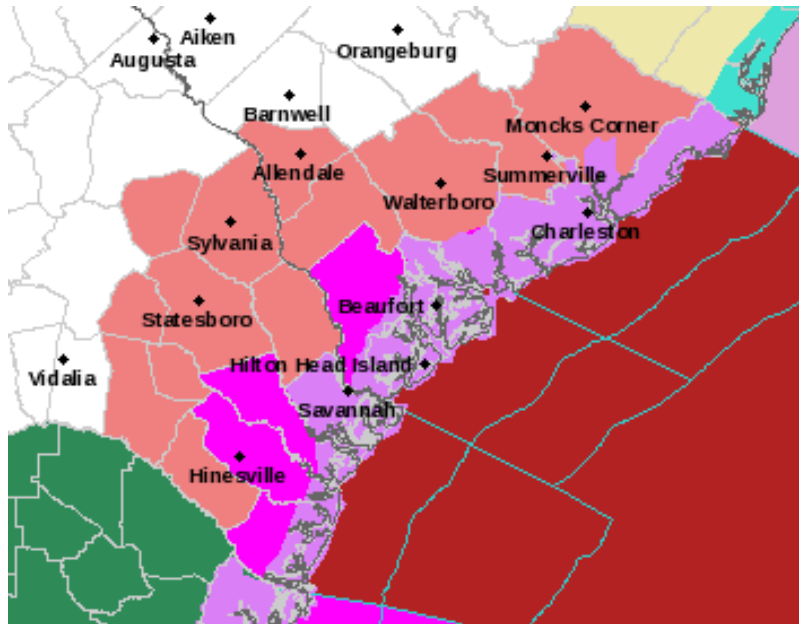
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Download the Town of Hilton Head Island emergency guide in [Spanish and English here](#).



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