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Hurricane Florence #10

## Wake County consolidates shelters for local residents as Florence moves out

Wake County has been operating three emergency shelters for coastal evacuees and three additional shelters for county residents. At the height of Hurricane Florence, more than 1,000 people sought refuge at six emergency shelters across the county.

Florence is now moving out of the area, and the local need for emergency shelter services will decrease while the need to support coastal evacuees will remain.

To ensure the best use of shelter resources, Wake County will relocate and consolidate the shelters for local residents. The emergency shelters for coastal evacuees at [Knightdale High School](#), [Southeast Raleigh High School](#) and [Garner Magnet High School](#) have limited capacity and will remain open at this time. The shelters [Heritage High School](#), [Middle Creek High School](#) and [Sanderson High School](#) will close at 2 p.m. today, Sept. 16, and shelter guests still requiring shelter will be transported to [Knightdale High School](#).

Many Wake County residents have generously asked how they can help people impacted by Florence. While the county appreciates their offers of assistance, it is not accepting donations from the public at this time. To support North Carolina's Florence response efforts, visit

the North Carolina Disaster Relief Fund at [governor.nc.gov/](http://governor.nc.gov/) or text FLORENCE to 20222.

Updates about Wake County shelters will be shared with local news outlets and on [wakegov.com](http://wakegov.com) and social media.

**Wake County residents** who have non-emergency questions or issues can contact Wake County at 919-856-7044.

**Members of the media** who need to contact the Communications Office staff member on duty in the Wake County Emergency Operations Center should call 919-856-7036 or email [communications@wakegov.com](mailto:communications@wakegov.com).

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