



2020

Hurricane Season

Evacuation and Sheltering During COVID-19

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As you prepare for another hurricane season, take time to look at your family's emergency plan and how COVID-19 could affect it.

PREPARE

- **Shop early and give yourself more time** to buy emergency supplies. Try to avoid crowds, use proper social distancing, and wear a face covering when shopping.
- Remember to have **refills for prescriptions and other medical supplies** your family uses on a regular basis.
- **Sign-up for emergency alerts from ReadyHarris** and **enable emergency alerts** on your mobile devices.

EVACUATE

- Know if you are in an [evacuation zone \(Zip Zone\)](#).
- **Only evacuate when you are instructed to by local officials.** Follow any guidance/directions given on routes and what to do.
- **Plan on going 10s of miles, not 100s of miles out of the surge zone for evacuation.** Other cities with community spread of COVID-19 may not be available for evacuation.
- **Plan on taking essential items** that you need with you, including **items to protect against COVID-19:**
 - Hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, bar/liquid soap, and at least two cloth face coverings for each family member
- Do not forget about supplies for pets, including a crate, leash/collar, ID tags, vaccination records and any medications

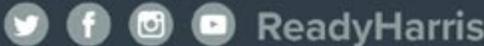
SHELTER

- **Social distancing is especially important** if you are going to a shelter or have others staying with you during a hurricane
 - Remember to keep at least **6 feet away** from others **outside of your household.**
 - If you go to a hotel or someone else's house, **plan on staying secluded** to avoid the spread of COVID-19.
- **Washing your hands** for at least 20 seconds, **disinfecting high-touch surfaces**, and other good health habits **should be continued as best as possible.**
- **If you feel sick** when you arrive at a shelter, notify shelter staff immediately. If you feel sick at home or a hotel, contact your doctor, and try to keep away from others.
 - ALWAYS call 9-1-1 for a medical emergency.

CHILDREN

- Evacuation to a shelter can be stressful and confusing for children.
- **Be a good role model** by washing your hands often, wearing a face covering, and maintaining social distance.
- **Take time to talk with your children** about [staying calm and how to cope with disasters](#).
- **If your child feels sick**, notify shelter staff immediately. If your child feels sick at home or a hotel, contact your doctor and try to keep them away from other family members.
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