



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Hurricane Dorian Update #3 -September 5, 2019 (10:00 A.M.)

Good morning Town of Morehead City. According to the National Hurricane Center, Hurricane Dorian is now a Category 3 storm. The National Weather Service stated our area will have life threatening storm surge, rapid flooding, high winds, heavy rain and possible tornados. Meteorologists at the Newport, NC office say we can expect sustained winds of 96 mph, and gusts up to 119 mph as of their forecast this morning. The most likely time of arrival of tropical storm force winds is from this afternoon spreading northeast across the area through tonight. Tropical storm force winds are expected for a period of at least 12 to 18 hours for most of the area, to as much as 24 hours along the coast. Please continue to monitor updates on the Morehead City Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/Town-of-Morehead-City-105089329623088/>) and Website ([www.moreheadcitync.org](http://www.moreheadcitync.org)). We will be providing these updates as needed.

### Voluntary Evacuation

A voluntary evacuation for the Town of Morehead City is in effect. We encourage anyone who chooses to leave to evacuate **no later** than noon today. Residents who plan to shelter in place should have plenty of supplies and back-up power sources.

### Curfew

A town-wide curfew will be activated and enforced beginning at **7:00 P.M. this evening** through the duration of Hurricane Dorian. We will make a public update as soon as the curfew is lifted. Only essential personnel (Police, Fire, EMS and town officials) will be allowed on public roadways during the curfew period.

### Shelter

Newport Middle School, located at 500 East Chatham Street in Newport, is now open as a local pet friendly shelter. Those residents evacuating to a shelter should do so at this time, arriving there before our curfew goes into effect. CCATS will provide transportation to the Newport pet friendly shelter as long as it is safe to do so. To schedule a ride, residents can call 252-732-0825.

### Trash and Recycling

Trash and recycling services have been suspended. Please secure your containers.

### Town of Morehead City

Morehead City offices are closed. City offices will remain closed until further notice. Essential personnel will continue to work throughout the storm from an Emergency Operations Center at Fire Station 2. We're here to keep you informed. **Please keep in mind Emergency Services will be off the road and unable to respond during the height of the storm.**