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We urge residents to prepare for a potential evacuation of the South Carolina coast in anticipation of Hurricane Matthew. If you live along the coast you should know your zone —which allows you to know if you need to evacuate and which evacuation route to use. This information is available at scemd.org/knowyourzone

Schools and county and state government offices in the following counties will be closed starting Wednesday, October 5, 2016: Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Berkeley, Beaufort, Calhoun, Charleston, Clarendon, Colleton, Darlington, Dillon, Dorchester, Florence, Georgetown, Hampton, Horry, Jasper, Lexington, Marlboro, Marion, Orangeburg, Richland, Sumter, and Williamsburg counties.

Please note: Inland schools and county and government offices have been closed to help ease the flow of traffic on our roads and highways as our neighbors from the coast evacuate inland.