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I'm adding to this during the call but will have it finalized ASAP.

From: Schimsa, Rebecca
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Evacuation orders lifted for Charleston, Dorchester, Berkeley and Colleton Counties

Columbia, S.C. – In coordination with local officials, Governor Nikki Haley on Sunday lifted the evacuation order for residents in the zones of Charleston, Dorchester, Berkeley and Colleton counties as of 10:00AM. At the request of local officials, evacuation orders for zones in Beaufort, Georgetown, Horry and Jasper counties remain in effect as local law enforcement continues to assess areas for potential dangers.

Returning residents are encouraged to exercise patience and expect lengthy travel times and possible detours back to evacuated areas. Even though weather conditions have improved, motorists should expect fallen trees, downed power lines, and standing water in and around roadways. Citizens also should be prepared to encounter extended power outages at their homes or businesses.

To verify whether roads in your area are passable before you travel back to the coast, visit [www.](#) or call...

Weather conditions have improved, but hazardous conditions still exist in many parts of coastal and inland counties. Citizens should be extremely cautious as they return to their homes:

- Avoid flood waters. Do not use area streams, rivers and the ocean for drinking, bathing or swimming because of the possibility that contaminants and wastewater may have entered them as a result of the storm. Avoid wading in murky water because broken glass, nails, metal fragments or other objects might be in the water.
- Loss of power and flooding pose a threat to food supplies. As a general rule "when in doubt, throw it out." Keep your refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible.
- Take precautions before using tap water for drinking or cooking purposes after the storm. Listen to radio and television reports about the safety of the public water supplies or call your water utility. Use only bottled or stored water until it is determined that the water is safe to drink. If bottled or stored water is not available and the safety of the water is in question, the water should be boiled vigorously for at least one minute and then cooled before use.
- Stay Aware of information provided by the SCEMD team which will continue to provide updates and information.
- Prepare for extended wait times on power outages, service calls, repairs, clean-up; returning to your homes; etc.

The S.C. Emergency Management Division's website, [scemd.org](#), lists emergency shelter status statewide and is updated in real-time by the S.C. Department of Social Services. Coastal evacuees without internet access are urged to call the PIPS line at 1-866-246-0133 with questions and needed assistance.

For more information visit [scemd.org](#) or follow @SCEMD on Twitter and Facebook.

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