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Derrec- here is a template with edits for the release. However we are hearing there are 32 shelters, can we get the additional 6 added?

Columbia, S.C. (Wednesday, October 5, 2016) – The South Carolina Response Team today announced the opening of shelters across the state for residents and visitors who are evacuating from coastal areas as Hurricane Matthew approaches. Shelters began opening on Wednesday, October 5, and as of 3 PM there are 26 shelters open.

Shelters are generally the place of last resort. Individuals and families are encouraged to have emergency plans in place. These plans should include relatives or friends with whom you can stay or locations to which you will travel. In the event that you must use a shelter, there are two types: General Population and Special Medical Needs Shelters. Only individuals with special medical needs and their caregivers will be admitted to SMNS.

Be sure to make arrangement for your pets; pets are not allowed in official shelters.

The Department of Social Services is designated as the lead agency for coordinating mass care operations. In particular, DSS works with the American Red Cross, Salvation Army, the Department of Health and Environmental Control and other state agencies and volunteer relief organizations in disaster situations to coordinate the capability to meet basic human needs (shelter, food, bulk distribution of emergency relief supplies, disaster welfare inquiries, and emergency social services).

A list of open shelters can be found below:

Aiken
South Aiken High School
232 East Pine Log Road
Aiken, SC

Hights Church
4631-A Jefferson Davis Hwy.
Beech Island, SC 29842

Allendale County
Allendale Elementary School
4561 Allendale-Fairfax Hwy.
Allendale, SC

Bamberg
Bamberg-Ehrnhardt School
267 Red Rider Dr.
Bamberg, SC

Ghents Branch Baptist Church
1974 Ghents Branch Rd.
Denmark, SC

Denmark-Olar High School
197 Viking Circle
Denmark, SC

Barnwell
Barnwell Elementary School
10524 Marlboro Ave.
Barnwell, SC

Berkeley
Berkeley Elementary School
715 Hwy 6
Monks Corner, SC

Charleston County
AC Corcoran Elementary School
8585 Vistavia Road
N. Charleston, SC

Burns Elementary School
3750 Dorchester Road
Charleston, SC 29405

Ladson Elementary School
3321 Ladson Road
N. Charleston, SC

Midland Park Elementary
2415 Midlands Park Road
N. Charleston, SC

North Charleston High School
1087 East Montague Ave.
N. Charleston, SC

Stall High School
3625 Ashely Phosphate Road
N. Charleston, SC

Colleton County
Colleton County Middle School
1379 Tuskegee Airman Drive
Walterboro, SC

Dorchester County:
Dubose Middle School
1005 Dubose School Road
Summerville, SC

Fort Dorchester High School.
8500 Patriot Blvd
North Charleston, SC

Oakbrook Middle School

4704 Ladson, SC

St. George Middle School
600 Minus Street
St. George, SC

Summerville High School
1011 Boone Hill Road
Summerville, SC

Woodland High School
4128 US Highway 78
Dorchester, SC

Lexington County
White Knoll High School
5643 Platt Springs Road
Lexington, SC

In Spartanburg County
Spartanburg Expo Center
6655 Pottery Road
Spartanburg, SC 29303

In Williamsburg County:
CE Murray High School
222 CE Murray Blvd
Greeleyville, SC

Hemingway High School
402 South Main Street
Hemingway, SC

Kingstree Senior High
615 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue
Kingstree, SC

Tupperware Gym
Tupperware Road 258
Hemingway, SC

SCDSS is preparing additional shelters to open in other areas across the state.

Visit scemd.org for a complete list of shelters as well as updates.

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