

Plymouth Harbor Hurricane Season Plan 2020

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**Update in Process
Due to New Normal**

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**PLYMOUTH HARBOR
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5 Phases

Phase 1: Preparation

Phase 2: Voluntary Evacuation / Shelter in Place

Phase 3: Internal Evacuation

Phase 4: Mandatory Evacuation *Under a New Normal*

Phase 5: Re-Entry

The 5 phases may not occur in sequential order!

Phase 1: Preparation

Storm

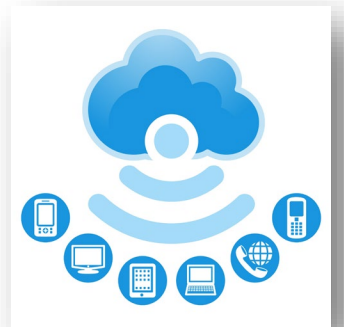
- A potentially threatening storm has developed in the Atlantic and may travel in our direction.



Phase 1: Preparation

Communications

- **Communications Center is activated**
- **Residents and Families are put on Notice**
- **PH Emergency # is Activated (844) 744-7007**
- **Contact with Ed McCrane, Chief, SRQ County Emergency Mgmt. is Made**
- **SRQ CCRCs Consortium Call is Executed**
- **Preliminary Arrangements Discussed with Shelter Partners**



Phase 1: Preparation

Team Members

- All Departments & Team Members Shift to “Storm Mode”
- Members of the “Storm Team” are gathered :

More challenging to recruit?



Phase 2: Voluntary Evacuation/Shelter in Storm

- **The storm has reached sustained winds(39 mph) that may necessitate closing John Ringling Bridge**



Phase 2: Voluntary Evacuation/Shelter in Communications

- **Emergency Management will likely call for voluntary evacuation in Zone A (Plymouth Harbor)**
- **I.L. Residents who plan to leave are invited to so at this time (reduction in IL Census is key)**



Phase 2: Voluntary Evacuation/Shelter in **Storm Team**

- **Storm Team members on-site and receiving assignments**
- **Cots moved to on-campus internal evacuation areas**



Phase 3: Internal Evacuation Storm

- Storm surge is not an imminent threat
- Mandatory evacuation is not anticipated
- Wind velocity has intensified; increased risk of tornadoes.
- All residents & Storm Team members must move to a safer interior location.



Phase 3: Internal Evacuation Storm Team

- **Storm Team members making contact with residents in their assigned areas**

- **Assisting with move to internal evacuation areas**



Phase 4: Mandatory Evacuation Storm

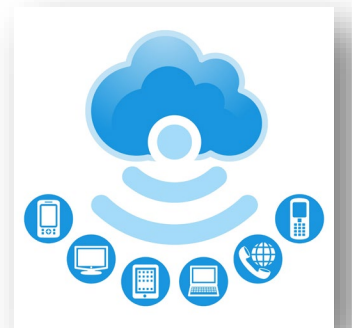
- **Weather forecast models show Sarasota County possibly within the storm's path**
- **High winds, heavy rains, storm surge & flooding predicted**

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Phase 4: Mandatory Evacuation Communications

- **Sarasota County Emergency Management calls for mandatory evacuation of all barrier islands**



Phase 4: Mandatory Evacuation Storm Team

- Storm Team collecting resident hurricane kits
- Transporting supplies & hurricane kits to evacuation sites
- Preparing to transport residents to evacuation sites

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Phase 4: Mandatory Evacuation IL Residents

- All IL residents gather in Pilgrim Hall
- Harry will confirm evacuation site placement
- Residents making their own arrangements check out at Front Desk and leave

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Priority Evacuation Site (IL)

1st Congregational United Church of Christ of SRQ



- Capacity: 85 residents and 25 team members:
 - Social Distancing:
 - Residents: NOW 30 - 35
 - Team Members: NOW 8 - 10

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Possible Evacuation Sites (IL)



Hyatt Place
Sarasota/Bradenton Airport



Residence Inn
Sarasota/Bradenton
Airport



Courtyard by Marriott
Sarasota/Bradenton
Airport

HOW REALISTIC?

Plymouth Harbor has agreements with these three hotels

- Room availability is not guaranteed
- Non-special needs residents will be assigned to available hotel rooms at their expense

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Plymouth Harbor's Approach to a *New Normal*



Plymouth Harbor's Overarching Goal:

***To provide the safest environment possible
during a major weather emergency while
complying with all social distance regulations.***

Plymouth Harbor's Approach to a *New Normal*

Primary challenges:

- Finding a new model with our sheltering partners due to social distancing
- Reduced capacity at IL shelter (FCCUCC) due to social distancing
- A nervous and tired roster of team members (COVID-19 impact)

Primary opportunities:

- A new building on campus built to current hurricane standards (AL/MC)
- New hurricane-grade windows by 9/15/20
- A nervous and tired roster of team members committed to the process
- Excellent working relationship with Sarasota County Emergency Management



Edward J. McCrane

Emergency Management Chief for Sarasota County

The key challenges facing Emergency Management Svcs.:

1. Reduced capacity at congregate shelter sites due to social distancing requirements
2. Increased protective measures of screening, masks, and social distancing at shelters
3. Screening and testing of EOC Staff before lockdown
4. Reduction in staffing at Emergency Operations Center
5. Influx of evacuees from Southwest Florida if track is from the south.

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Best Practice to Accomplish Our Goals:

- **Understanding and complying with the expectations of the Department of Emergency Services**
- **Determining how best to obtain permission needed to move forward with a sheltering in-place this hurricane season**

Questions?

