

Hurricane Matthew Preparations

October 9, 2016 Update (8 p.m.):

As part of our ongoing response and recovery efforts, DHEC has taken the following actions (updated at 8 p.m. on 10/9/2016):

Boil Water Advisories:

As of 4 p.m. on Oct. 9, 2016, **17 [boil water advisories](#)** or notices have been reported to DHEC.

[Click here](#) for a list of the latest boil water notices and advisories. *(Please contact your local service provider for more information.)*

Health Care Facilities:

On Oct. 4, 2016, the Governor issued a Mandatory Medical Evacuation Order for health care facilities regulated by DHEC in the evacuation zone.

Prior to the storm, 127 health care facilities evacuated.

At 3 p.m. on Oct. 9, 2016, Governor Haley lifted the Mandatory Medical Evacuation Order for health care facilities in Berkeley, Charleston, Colleton, Dorchester, and Hampton Counties.

Special Medical Needs Shelters:

DHEC is operating [Special Medical Needs Shelters](#) to provide shelter for people whose medical conditions exceed the capabilities of the Red Cross shelters, but are not severe enough to require a hospital stay. We do not provide health care services in these shelters. *(Note: If you think you may need this type of shelter, please call DHEC at 1-800-868-0404.)*

The following shelters are currently open:

- Colleton Medical Center - Colleton (501 Robertson Blvd, Walterboro)
- Health South - Charleston (9181 Medcon Street, Charleston)
- Orangeburg Calhoun Technical College (3250 St. Matthews Road, Orangeburg)
- Carolinas Hospital System - Marion (2829 US Hwy 76, Mullins)
- Palmetto Health Tuomey (129 North Washington St., Sumter)

Two additional shelters, Carolinas Hospital System - Florence and Lake City Community Hospital, are now full and can no longer accept new shelterees at this time.

Coastal Resources:

Prior to the storm, DHEC issued blanket emergency orders to local governments to allow property owners along the immediate beachfront to conduct sand scraping or install sandbags to provide temporary protection from anticipated wave uprush from the

storm. DHEC has asked local governments along the coast to provide updates on beachfront erosion and damage through our [MYCoast application](#).

Dams:

On Sunday, DHEC and the Army Corps of Engineers began post-storm inspections and assessments of 250 priority dams.

As of Sunday at 8 p.m., there were **four confirmed breached dams**. They include:

- A low-hazard dam in Dillon County, Little Pee Dee State Park Dam.
- A significant-hazard dam in Dillon County, Flowers Pond Dam.
- An unregulated dam above Durham Road in Lexington County.
- An unregulated dam in Dillon County. NOTE: This unregulated dam is located below Squire Lake Dam, which has not failed. (Updated at 8 AM on 10/10/2016)

Additionally, DHEC is monitoring **two additional at-risk dams**:

- A significant-hazard dam in Marion County, Baxley 501 Pond Dam.
- A significant-hazard dam in Florence County, Oakdale Dam.

Prior to the storm, DHEC implemented the CodeRED system to notify dam owners via voice call, text messages and email to prepare for potential significant rainfall. Dam owners also were advised to lower water levels.