

Shelters for Evacuees and Newly Displaced Residents Available Tonight



Lee County Emergency Management

Monday, Sept. 11, 2017

Lee County Emergency Management is providing shelter at four locations tonight (Monday) for people who remained in shelters today post-Irma and for people who may have incurred Hurricane Irma damage to their homes and need a place to stay temporarily.

Lee County Emergency Management sheltered more than 32,000 people during Hurricane Irma, and now the county is downsizing from 14 general population shelters to four sites, two of which are new to the Irma shelter list.

Open shelters tonight include:

- Germain Arena, 11000 Everblades Parkway, Estero
- Alico Arena, Florida Gulf Coast University campus
- North Fort Myers Rec Center (new), 2000 N. Recreation Way, North Fort Myers
- Dunbar Middle School (new), 4750 Winkler Ave. Extension, Fort Myers

Previously opened shelters (except for Germain and Alico) will close tonight. The four shelters open now will take evacuees beginning at 6 p.m.

People who are in one of the existing shelters that are now closing and need transportation to a new shelter will not have to find their own rides; LeeTran will provide them. Those who can drive to shelters are encouraged to do so.

All people staying at one of these four shelters Monday night will have to register at the door, even if they stayed in a Lee County shelter during the weekend. (The people who have remained in Alico and Germain today will simply complete another registration form.)

Decisions about how long the shelters will remain open will be made in tandem with Emergency Management recovery efforts this week.

All shelters are pet friendly. Please bring a crate for your animal or a leash.

Another update: The United Way 211 Storm Hotline will be available 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily beginning Tuesday. People can also dial 239-433-3900.

Note to media:

Media are welcome to speak to shelter attendees in the parking lot as they come and go. As a reminder, due to safety and privacy, the shelter managers will not admit media inside the shelters.



