

STATE JOINT INFORMATION CENTER
HURRICANE ISIDORE INFORMATION
MISSISSIPPI EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) is closely monitoring the projected path of Tropical Storm Isidore. The following information is being provided to citizens to aid in their safe response to Tropical Storm Isidore.

JACKSON COUNTY

1. Tax hearings scheduled today and Thursday are canceled and will be rescheduled.
2. Evacuation maps, comprehensive hurricane information is available on the county web site, www.co.jackson.ms.us Link is at the top of the home page.
3. Residents of the St. Andrew's Bypass Road, while not officially open, may use the route during this emergency.
4. A recommended evacuation is in place for Zone A in Jackson County. This area includes low-lying areas of the county including manufactured homes.
5. Beach Road at Buccaneer State Park is closed.
6. **SHELTERS WILL BE OPEN AT 1:00 PM on Wednesday 9/25/02 at**
 - Moss Point High School
 - Vancleave High School
 - Ocean Springs Middle School
 - East Lawn Elementary in Pascagoula

HARRISON COUNTY

1. **Cedar Lake Road is closed South of Hwy 67 due to flooding.**
2. Harrison County Civil Defense will open a special needs shelter at 2:00 today.

A "special needs shelter" is only for individuals with medical conditions that do not require hospitalization but do confine them to bed, require continuous oxygen or may require other attention when outside the home for up to 72 hours.

Individuals who believe they need this special shelter should call 228-865-4093 for more information. Officials will release location of all regular shelters at 10:00 a.m. today.

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Area hospitals are near full capacity and may not be able to accommodate special needs patients. This special shelter will help keep hospital beds open for potential acute victims of the storm.

Special Needs patients should bring their medicines, oxygen, suction units or any other medical supplies that will be needed for 24-72 hours. If the patient is on a special diet, they should bring enough food for up to 72 hours. A personal care giver **MUST** accompany the patient to the shelter and must remain with the patient throughout the stay at the shelter.

Since this storm is not expected to be severe, patients should decide if they could safely stay at home. It may be better to stay at home when the patient lives in a sound structure outside a flood-prone area, has emergency power, or when emergency power is not needed.

CENTRAL MISSISSIPPI

1. A shelter will be open at Trinity Presbyterian Church on Poplar Springs Drive in Meridian at 10:00 a.m. today (Wednesday).

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