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Shelter Operations for Hurricane Irma:

Due to the current track of Hurricane Irma, Franklin County is **NOT** expected to have reason to open shelters. However, Franklin County Emergency Management is continuing to monitor Hurricane Irma, her track and impact to our county. We assure you, the safety and wellbeing of our citizens is our priority.

Franklin County Emergency Management, Franklin County Department Social Services and the American Red Cross will continue to work closely together as the hurricane approaches. The Shelter Operations Plan will be implemented if there are changes to the track of the storm or if the impact of the storm warrants shelter openings within our County. This would include conditions such as prolonged power outages and evacuations for those citizens in flood prone areas.

Any shelter openings will be announced on local TV stations, via radio, social media and the Franklin County website (www.franklincountync.us). Information on available shelters will also be available through the ReadyNC.org website and mobile app.

We would like to encourage our citizens to continue to prepare to SHELTER IN PLACE by making sure you have the necessary supplies needed such as water, batteries, non-perishable food items, flashlight, etc. Please visit ReadyNC.org website or mobile app for information on storm preparation and information on any shelters opening in our County.

