

When a Tropical Storm or Hurricane is Approaching

What to do if you tested **POSITIVE** for COVID-19 and are still in isolation at home **OR** you were in **CLOSE CONTACT** with someone who tested positive for COVID-19 and are still in quarantine at home.

GET SUPPLIES

- Talk to family members or neighbors to help get your supplies ahead of the storm.
- You can also use delivery services to order and deliver supplies to your home.
- Include items like bottled water, non-perishable food, weather radio, flashlight, extra batteries, chargers, toiletries, blankets or sleeping bags.
- Make sure you have an adequate supply of any prescription medications.
- Download the free SC Emergency Manager app and a copy of the South Carolina Hurricane Guide. (scemd.org/stay-informed/publications/hurricane-guide).

STAY SAFE AT HOME

As much as possible, persons who currently have COVID-19 and are in isolation or are in quarantine because of being in close contact with a COVID-19 case are encouraged to stay at home if they are not ordered to evacuate. Also, know your evacuation zone. (scemd.org/prepare/know-your-zone)

IF YOU MUST EVACUATE (If you're in an evacuation zone and cannot stay at home)

- Prepare a 'go kit' to include:
 - Hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol
 - Bar or liquid soap
 - Disinfectant wipes (if available)
 - 2 cloth face coverings per person evacuating
 - All items listed in the [South Carolina Hurricane Guide](#) (mentioned above)
- Find a safe place where you can stay and practice precautions to prevent transmission of COVID-19.
 - Talk to family and friends about staying with them.
 - If staying with family or friends, stay in a separate room and use a separate bathroom, if possible.
 - Wear a face covering when in a room with persons who don't have COVID-19.
 - Frequently wash your hands or use hand sanitizer.
 - Frequently clean and disinfect commonly touched surfaces such as doorknobs, light switches, etc.
 - Consider if the household you plan to stay with includes someone at higher risk of developing severe illness from COVID-19 (including older adults and people who have health conditions such as diabetes, heart disease or lung disease).
 - Consider emergency shelters to be an option of last resort.
- Use your personal vehicle to evacuate, if possible.
 - If you must stop to get gas during an evacuation, wear a face covering at the gas station and stay 6 feet apart from others. If possible, wipe the pump handle and keypad with a disinfectant wipe before and after pumping gas.
 - If you are evacuating with other members of your family or household who have not tested positive for COVID-19, wear a face covering in the car.
- If you have any questions, please call the DHEC Care Line at 1-855-472-3432.

MONITOR YOUR SYMPTOMS

- Monitor for new or worsening symptoms.
 - **Emergency warning signs** for COVID-19 can include worse or new persistent pain or pressure in the chest, increase in difficulty breathing, new confusion or inability to arouse, and bluish lips or face.
- Seek medical attention if needed. **Call 911** and **tell the dispatcher** that you have COVID-19 or that you're a close contact of a COVID-19 case.