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**Polk Shelters will open September 9, 2017**

**BARTOW, Fla. (Sept. 7, 2017)** - Based on the current track and estimated time of arrival in Polk County of Hurricane Irma, the following public shelters will be open on Saturday, Sept. 9 at 7 a.m.:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>City</u>
• Lake Region High School	• 1995 Thunder Road	• Eagle Lake
• Tenoroc High School	• 4905 Saddle Creek Rd.	• Lakeland
• Spook Hill Elementary	• 321 Dr. J.A. Wiltshire Ave., E.	• Lake Wales
• Mulberry Middle School	• 500 Martin Luther King Ave.	• Mulberry
• Lake Marion Creek Middle	• 3055 Lk. Marion Creek Rd.	• Poinciana
• Horizons Elementary	• 1700 Forest Lake Drive	• Davenport
• Chain of Lakes Elementary	• 7001 CR 653	• Winter Haven
• Davenport School of the Arts	• 4751 N CR 547	• Davenport
• Donald Bronson Community Center	• 124 Bronson Trail	• Polk City

“Special Needs” Shelters will also open at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 9, for those residents with special medical needs. Polk County Emergency Management Special Needs Program is designed to provide shelter and/or transportation for residents with medical or physical conditions and/or dependent on medical electrical equipment who require assistance during an emergency. The “Special Needs” Shelters are located at:

• Polk Co. Health Department	• 1255 Brice Blvd.	• Bartow
• Ridge Community H. S.	• 500 W. Orchid Dr.	• Davenport
• McKeel Academy	• 1810 W. Parker St.	• Lakeland

The only “pet friendly” shelter that will be open on Saturday at 8 a.m. will be at Lake Region High School, 1995 Thunder Road, Eagle Lake. Pet owners must bring shot records for their pets, an airline-approved carrying case or crate and pet food.

For the most updated information, please continue to monitor your local news media or call the Citizen’s Information Line at 863-401-2234 (locally) or toll-free 866-661-0228. Check the county website for updates at [www.polk-county.net](http://www.polk-county.net). You may also obtain further emergency information at [www.facebook.com/polkcounyem](https://www.facebook.com/polkcounyem) and [www.twitter.com/polkemergency](https://www.twitter.com/polkemergency).