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County to Open Emergency Shelter Ahead of Storm

DINWIDDIE, VA – In anticipation of inclement weather and extensive power outages, Dinwiddie County will open an Emergency Shelter. The Emergency Shelter is located at Dinwiddie Elementary School - 13811 Boydton Plank Rd., Dinwiddie, Virginia. The shelter will open at 5:00 pm this afternoon, with no admission after 8:00 pm.

Individuals and families using the shelter should bring medication, chargers for electronic devices, personal bedding (if desired), hygiene supplies, and any items required for care of babies/children (diapers, wipes, bottles, formula, etc.). **NO PETS ALLOWED.**

As this is a school facility, weapons, alcohol, tobacco and vaping products/devices are not allowed. COVID-19 protocol will be in place to include temperature checks prior to admission, masks, and social distancing inside the shelter at all times.

Shelter parking is located in the lot facing Carson Rd. This is also the entrance that will be used for the shelter.

Natachia Randles, Director of Social Services stated, “The shelter will provide a warm, safe, place for Dinwiddie residents to weather the storm. At this time, we do not have an estimated length of time the shelter will be open, however, we will work with local officials to reassess the situation after 24 hours.”

Dennis Hale, Chief of Fire & EMS stated. “Anyone who chooses not to take advantage of the shelter is strongly advised to take this storm seriously, and prepare to shelter in place. We expect significant winter weather and another round of extensive power outages.”

Information and updates will be shared via Dinwiddie County website, Facebook and local media outlets, as available.

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