



**County of Accomack
Department of Public Safety**

Fire & Rescue ~ Emergency Management
www.co.accomack.va.us | www.acdps.net

**County of Northampton
Department of Emergency Services**

EMS ~ Emergency Management
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**Town of Chincoteague
Department of Emergency Services**

EMS ~ Emergency Management
www.chincoteague-va.gov

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2020 Hurricane Season Begins

Hurricane season runs from June 1 through November 30 each year. NOAA’s Climate Prediction Center predicts an above-normal Atlantic hurricane season for 2020. *Now* is the perfect time to get prepared!

- **Know Your Zone** – Please visit <https://vdemgis.maps.arcgis.com> and choose the Hurricane Evacuation Tool. Enter your physical address and it will determine which evacuation zone you reside in. Emergency managers will use these zones for identification and notification of any potential hazards or evacuations.
- **Sign up for Emergency Alerts** –
 - Accomack County uses OnSolve’s Code Red for emergency alerts. You can sign up by texting **AccomackVA** to **99411**. You may also sign-up online at www.ACDPS.net and choosing Code Red on the right.
 - Northampton County uses Everbridge/Nixle for emergency alerts. You can sign up by texting **Northampton** to **888-777**. You may also sign-up online at www.northampton-ems.org and choosing “Citizen Alert” on the right.
 - Chincoteague uses OnSolve’s Code Red for emergency alerts. You can sign-up online at www.chincoteague-va.gov/emergency-call-out-system/.
- **Prepare Emergency Kits** – Please review and update your emergency kit. Your emergency kit should include supplies for at least three to five days to include water, non-perishable food and medication for your family including pets. You should have flashlights, extra batteries, first aid kit, personal hygiene items, battery powered radio, multipurpose tool, can opener, family and emergency contact information, copies of important documents, extra cash, extra fuel for generator/vehicle and cellphone with portable chargers.

Planning and preparation are key to staying safe and informed this hurricane season.

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