**Hurricane Preparedness for Persons with Disabilities**

Hillsborough County coordinates and manages the local shelters for our community. Below are resources which may be helpful as you develop and implement your hurricane plan.

**Shelters with Wheelchair Accessible Restrooms**

If you have a disability and need a shelter with wheelchair accessible restrooms, the following locations are identified as County shelters with such amenities. The listing of open and available shelters will be announced through media by local officials. Do not travel to a shelter until it is announced as open. The full list of shelters are available on this link: <http://www.tbrpc.org/tampabaydisaster/pdf/2017DisasterPlanningGuide/HILLSBOROUGH_English_Evac_Zone_Map_DPG2017.pdf>

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| Middleton High School | 4801 N. 22nd St., Tampa |
| Simmons Center | 1202 W. Grant St., Plant City |
| Shields Middle School | 15732 Beth Shields Way, Ruskin |
| Strawberry Crest High School | 4691 Gallagher Rd., Dover |
| Bartels Middle School | 9020 Imperial Oak Blvd., Tampa |
| Brandon High School | 1101 Victoria St., Brandon |
| Smith Middle School | 14303 Citrus Pointe Dr., Citrus Park |
| Summerfield Crossings Elementary | 11050 Fairway Meadows Dr., Riverview |
| Greco Middle School | 6925 E. Fowler Ave., Temple Terrace |

Additional public shelters opening for higher intensity storms P

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| Wharton High School | 20150 Bruce B. Downs Blvd., Tampa |
| Armwood High School | 12000 U. S. Hwy. 92, Seffner |
| Marshall Middle School | 18 S. Maryland Ave., Plant City |
| Tomlin Middle School | 501 N. Woodrow Wilson St., Plant City |
| Carrolwood Elementary School | 3516 McFarland Rd., Tampa |
| Newsome High School | 16550 Fish Hawk Blvd., Lithia |
| Benito Middle School | 10101 Cross Creek Blvd., Tampa |
| Mulrennan Middle School | 4215 Durant Rd., Valrico |
| Barrington Middle School | 5925 Village Center Dr., Lithia |
| Bevis Elementary School | 5720 Osprey Ridge Blvd., Lithia |
| Wilson Elementary School | 702 English St., Plant City |

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**Special Needs Shelters**

**Shelters are available for those who have a physical, cognitive or medical disability who require the following:**

1. Use of electrical equipment due to a medical condition i.e. oxygen, ventilator, feeding pump, etc.
2. Medical professional’s care assistance.
3. Assistance required due to a hearing, visual, mobility, mental health or cognitive disability.

Additional details as well as transportation information can be found at the link below <http://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/en/residents/public-safety/emergency-management/action-folder/register-for-special-needs-disaster-assistance>

Pre-registration is typically required. However, as of Sept. 7th, 2017, they are no longer accepting pre-registrations, registration will occur on location. Please monitor the media for information on which special needs shelter is open and available. While a list is provided below, do not travel to a special needs shelter until it is announced as open.

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| USF Sundome | 4202 E Fowler Ave, Tampa, FL 33620 |
| Strawberry Crest High School | 4691 Gallagher Rd, Dover, FL 33527 |
| Riverview High School | 11311 Boyette Rd, Riverview, FL 33569 |

**Additional Resources**

Disaster Safety for People with Disabilities

<http://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/disaster-safety-for-people-with-disabilities#Plan-Ahead>

Preparing for Disaster for People with Disabilities and other Special Needs

<http://www.redcross.org/images/MEDIA_CustomProductCatalog/m4240199_A4497.pdf>