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HURRICANE IAN: SPECIAL NEEDS SHELTERS



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Tallahassee, Fla.— In response to Hurricane Ian, the Florida Department of Health has prepared for Special Needs Shelter operations to begin in areas of anticipated landfall.

If you know or care for an individual with a disability or a special need, such as a medical condition that requires assistance but not hospitalization, it is important that you pre-register with the [Florida Special Needs Shelter Registry](#). The Florida Special Needs Registry enrolls those in need of services with your local emergency management office, so you can be assisted quickly during an emergency.

You can access the Florida Special Needs Registry [here](#). You will need to log in with an existing account or create a new account.

In an emergency, such as an evacuation for a hurricane, you may need to go to a special needs shelter. By signing up through the [Florida Special Needs Shelter Registry](#), you will receive important information from local emergency management officials about evacuation and sheltering options available to you.

If you are eligible for a special needs shelter, remember to bring:

- List of medications and dosage
- A 30-day supply of medications
- Vital medical equipment for those who may be electrically or oxygen dependent,
- Backup energy sources for essential medical equipment
- Any special dietary needs or food
- Personal information including a photo ID, insurance card, emergency contacts, and your primary care provider's contact information

After completing the Florida Special Needs Registry, additional information will be provided to you by your local emergency management agency regarding evacuation and sheltering options available.

For more information on your local shelter status, please visit FloridaDisaster.org

Health Care Providers

If you are a health care provider, please contact SNR@flhealth.gov to obtain a login for the special needs registry to ensure you are able to use all health care provider functions.

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