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CITY OF MADEIRA BEACH IS NOW RESTRICTED ACCESS FOR ENTRY

Residents, business owners, and those with approved access will be the only people permitted onto the Barrier Islands through Sunday.

Madeira Beach, FL, September 8, 2017– Restricted Access over the Barrier Island bridges began this morning at 10:00 a.m. Passage over Tom Stuart Causeway along with all neighboring bridges will be limited to those with Barrier Island re-entry passes, residents or business owners with identification, or persons with a legitimate need as determined by deputy discretion.

Pinellas County has issued a mandatory evacuation of for Zone A which includes the entire City of Madeira Beach. Return to the islands will not be permitted after 8:00 a.m. on Sunday until after the storm has passed and the bridges have been cleared and named safe for passage.

Self-service sandbag stations are still open and located on the sand at Archibald Beach Park, 15100 Gulf Boulevard. The city is out of sand bags. Participants may bring their own bags out to fill. Strong, Heavy Duty, or ForceFlex kitchen bags are recommended.

City offices will be closed on Monday, September 11. Recreation Center will follow Pinellas County Schools decisions for closure, currently closed on Monday, September 11.

Residents with emergency storm questions call the public works emergency mobile number at (727) 543-8154. Please direct all other inquiries to Pinellas County Citizen Information Center at (727) 464-4333.

The following shelters are now open;

- [Largo High School](#)
- [Gibbs High School](#)
- [John Hopkins Middle School](#) **Special Needs / Pet-Friendly
- [Oak Grove Middle School](#)
- [Dunedin Highland Middle School](#)
- [Tarpon Springs Middle School](#)
- [Palm Harbor University High School](#)

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If you would like more information about this topic or the City of Madeira Beach's emergency plan, please contact Derryl O'Neal, Acting City Manager at (727) 391-9951 or email at doneal@madeirabeachfl.gov.