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Bladen Schools To Have Remote Learning Day Friday

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Bladen County Schools announced Thursday that the system will transition to an asynchronous remote learning day Friday in response to the anticipated impact of Hurricane Helene. All schools and departments will be closed.

Additionally, all after-school activities for Thursday and Friday are canceled, the school system announced.

The decision comes as a State of Emergency has been declared in North Carolina and with the potential for heavy rain and wind gusts up to 40 mph.

Teachers will either send assignments home with students Thursday afternoon or provide assignments and instructions through Canvas. Student attendance during remote learning will be verified by completing and submitting assignments.

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Bladen Community College will be closed on Friday, September 27th

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Due to Hurricane Helene, Bladen Community College will be closed on Friday, September 27th. Updates will be distributed through our text messaging system, college website, college social media, and area news outlets.

Please be safe and monitor updates through our text-messaging system, website, social media and news outlets.

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County braces for Hurricane Helene's impacts

September 26, 2024 | Brunswick Beacon, The (Shallotte, NC) Author: Dylan Phillips Brunswick Beacon Editor Section: News 607 Words OpenURL Link

Brunswick County is bracing for potential impacts from Hurricane Helene, as the storm threatens the county just over a week after a tropical cyclone dropped historic rainfall and caused widespread catastrophic flood damage.

Hurricane Helene is expected to make landfall near the Big Bend of Florida on Thursday evening, Sept. 26, the National Weather Service-Wilmington (NWS) said in its Wednesday, Sept. 25 noon update. "Due its large physical size, effects will be felt far away from the storm center, especially to its east. Local impacts will include gusty winds, some areas of flooding, isolated tornadoes, and dangerous surf conditions."

As of Wednesday afternoon, the National Hurricane Center on Wednesday has forecasted Hurricane Helene will make landfall as a Category 3 storm in western Florida before making its way north.

Although not in the storm's direct path currently, southeastern North Carolina and Brunswick County are expected to feel the storm's impacts between Thursday evening, Sept. 26, into Friday, Sept. 27.

Currently, southeastern North Carolina, including Brunswick County, is projected to get between one and two inches of rainfall from Helene, with isolated amounts being potentially higher. The rain could result in isolated flooding.

"Areas hardest hit by last week's heavy rain event will be extra flood prone," NWS noted. "Some area rivers could be impacted as a result." Most rivers and creeks are still inundated from last week.

Isolated tornadoes are also possible in Brunswick County, mainly starting Thursday night into Friday before the threat moves away from the area, per NWS. The risk for overnight tornadoes in and around Brunswick County was increased from "slight risk" to "enhanced risk" around noon on Sept. 26.

Winds gusts up 40 miles per hour (mph) are possible, according to NWS, but that is mainly across portions of northeast South Carolina. Winds up to 35 mph are expected in southeast North Carolina.

Rough maritime conditions are expected across the coastal waters of southeast North Carolina, including large breakers, strong rip currents and steep waves around inlet entrances, NWS's Sept. 26, 7 a.m. briefing states.

The county is still reeling from the impacts of Potential Tropical Cyclone 8 that hit Brunswick County on Monday, Sept. 16. Though between two to five inches of rain with some flash flooding was predicted, NWS's rainfall totals indicate between 14 and 20 inches fell in areas during last Monday's storm.

And while Helene's effects on Brunswick County are currently projected to be minor, Brunswick County is preparing for the worst.

Brunswick County Schools (BCS) sent students back to the classroom on a staggered schedule this week. On Wednesday afternoon, BCS has cancelled school and all athletic events at all BCS schools scheduled for Friday in preparation for the storm's potential impacts.

This includes the West Brunswick High School football game at home against Ashley. That game has been rescheduled for Monday, Sept. 30, at 6:30 p.m. WBHS will be back in action later next week when it hosts Hoggard at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 4.

Brunswick Community College has announced classes will also be cancelled and all BCC campus locations, including the Dinah E. Gore Sports & Aquatics Complex, will be closed on Friday, Sept. 27. BCC will reopen on its normal schedule on Saturday, Sept. 28.

Brunswick County Government in its Sept. 25, 5 p.m. update on the county's response to last week's cyclone said the county is continuing to monitor Helene's path.

North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper has declared a State of Emergency ahead of Hurricane Helene as North Carolina prepares for severe weather impacts that could threaten life and property across North Carolina through Saturday morning.

Find the latest information on Hurricane Helene here: NWS Helene briefings.

This story was updated on Thursday, Sept. 26, at 3 p.m.

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Tornadoes become main concern for area with Helene forecast

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NEWPORT — While Hurricane Helene is expected to keep the most significant impacts west of eastern North Carolina and the Crystal Coast, the biggest risk to Carteret County are tornado threats Friday along with strong winds over the coastal waters.

"The thing we want people to focus on is there is a chance for a few tornadoes tomorrow," said National Weather Service (NWS) Warning Coordination Meteorologist Erik Heden. "The timing for Carteret County is really like six or seven in the morning until about two in the afternoon. So, kind of a morning and early afternoon threat. We can never pinpoint how many we're going to have."

The National Weather Service in Newport has predicted a few tornadoes and a heightened threat of rip currents, which may produce enhanced areas of damage in the area.

The NWS advises locals to make sure their cell phones are charged, have various means to get alerts and know where your safe place is in case of a tornado warning.

It is also anticipated that there may be some minor coastal flooding, particularly in places still with elevated water levels. However, there will only be a brief period of heavy rain on Friday.

"It'll be heavy, but we're not expecting a lot of rain," said Heden. "It'll rain hard for a brief period but not more than an inch."

North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper issued a state of emergency on Wednesday in anticipation of potential effects that could threaten life and property throughout the state.

Category 2 Hurricane Helene is expected to strengthen to Category 3 by the time it is predicted to make landfall in Florida late Thursday. From there, it is projected to travel over North Carolina late Thursday and into Saturday morning without changing its course. But the areas of western and central North Carolina are predicted to be most affected.

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Hurricane Helene Approaches Charlotte, N.C.

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Hurricane Helene disrupts Charlotte airport flights. Here's what to know if you're flying

September 26, 2024 | Charlotte Observer, The: Web Edition Articles (NC) Author: Chase Jordan, The Charlotte Observer | Section: business | 496 Words OpenURL Link

More than 2,000 flights at Charlotte's airport have been disrupted during the past two days, as Hurricane Helene drenches the region and thwarts travelers' plans.

As of Friday morning, Charlotte Douglas International had 475 flights delayed and 349 that were canceled, according to according to FlightAware, an online website providing real-time information.

Adding that total since airlines began delaying and canceling flights ahead of Helene on Wednesday, 2,042 flights have been disrupted this week.

"Hurricane Helene is causing numerous flight delays and cancellations across the region," a CLT spokesperson told The Charlotte Observer in an email. "We recommend passengers check their airline's flight status before heading to the airport, including those picking up arriving passengers."

The airport also noted that "many roads around the airport are closed or affected by flooding," and advise passengers to check traffic conditions before driving to the airport.

Hurricane Helene made landfall late Thursday night, hitting the western Carolinas and northeast Georgia as it became a dangerous Category 4 storm, according to the National Weather Service.

The airport said the cancellations and delays are primarily affecting flights from Florida. CLT is working with aviation, local, state and federal officials. Maintenance teams are on standby to respond to heavy rain and strong winds.

Charlotte Douglas is advising passengers to check with the airlines regarding the status of their flight before coming to the airport.

Is Charlotte Douglas closed?

The airport is open for business on Friday.

American Airlines, which accounts for about 87% of all flights out of CLT, began issuing travel alerts on Wednesday for airports in the Southeast, with Charlotte Douglas among them.

The airline reduced operations at its CLT hub this morning, but American is working to restore normal service as conditions improve, according to spokeswoman Bri Harper.

There are no stranded American Airlines passengers at Charlotte Douglas. For customers with canceled flights, the airline is working to rebook them.

Passengers may rebook trips and will not be charged for change fees. Customers can reschedule their travel on aa.com or by calling 800-433-7300.

American resumed operations Friday morning at Key West, Fort Myers, Sarasota and Tampa airports in Florida. The airline is planning to resume normal operations later at Florida's Tallahassee, Gainesville and Jacksonville airports.

Airline officials suspended service in Augusta, Ga. because of damage at the airport. Operations will resume after the facility reopens.

American also resumed normal operations at Grand Cayman, Cancun and Cozumel for international travel.

"American will continue tracking this system with our customers' and team members' safety top of mind," an airline spokesperson said.

Weather trackers are expecting Helene to cause life-threatening storm surge and hurricane-force winds for Florida's panhandle and western coasts, according to the National Weather Service.

N.C. Gov. Roy Cooper declared a State of Emergency on Wednesday.

Along with heavy rain, Cooper said threats include flash flooding, landslides and damaging winds to the mountains and Piedmont area of the state.

"Now is the time for North Carolinians to prepare, make sure emergency kits are up-to-date and pay attention to the weather alerts in your area," Cooper said in a news release.

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Helene kills person in Charlotte as a million North Carolinians went without power Friday

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The storm that came ashore as Hurricane Helene knocked out power to a million Duke Energy customers in the Carolinas on Friday, including 119,000 in Charlotte and tens of thousands more in surrounding counties.

A total of 75,318 households in Mecklenburg County were still without power at 9:15 p.m. Friday, according to North Carolina Emergency Management.

At 2:30 p.m. Friday, emergency officials urged Mountain Island Lake residents in flood-prone areas to prepare to evacuate, along with others who live along the Catawba River to South Carolina.

Duke Energy needed to move large amounts of rainwater through the Catawba River system from Lake Norman to Lake Wylie through Mountain Island Lake, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Emergency Management officials said in a flash flood warning on social media.

"Flood waters will rise RAPIDLY and conditions will change quickly," Charlotte-Mecklenburg Emergency Management wrote in a social media post. "Prepare to EVACUATE the affected area."

A shelter is open at Tuckaseegee Recreation Center, 4820 Tuckaseegee Road. It will remain a shelter through Sunday evening.

Helene toppled trees onto roads across the region, including on Interstate 85 southbound at the U.S. 321 exit in Gastonia, where a wreck involving a tractor-trailer was reported.

The intersection of Providence and Queens roads in Charlotte was closed Friday morning. In York County, U.S. 21 is closed at Coltharp Road because of downed trees, the sheriff's office said.

Just after 8 a.m., Haywood County in the mountains said residents should consider all roads in the county closed because of treacherous conditions.

One person was killed in northwest Charlotte and a second had life-threatening injuries when a tree fell on a house in the 4200 block of Brookway Drive, MEDIC reported shortly after 6 a.m. Friday.

Four people were critically hurt when a tornado associated with Helene touched down in in Rocky Mount in eastern North Carolina, emergency officials said.

Rescues were underway in the North Carolina mountains, where the National Weather Service expected up to 20 inches of rain in some areas and "catastrophic flooding." The highest recorded amount, 29.5 inches, fell in Busick Raws, Yancey County, Gov. Roy Cooper said.

A 4-year-old girl died in a Catawba County head-on wreck during heavy rains Thursday morning, State Highway Patrol Trooper Christopher Casey said.

A 2-year-old and a 12-year-old in the vehicles were hospitalized with life-threatening injuries, Casey said. Both drivers were transported to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Gov. Cooper: "Consider all roads closed"

Helene has killed at least 43 people across five states since making landfall in Florida's Big Bend area late Thursday as a Category 4 hurricane that rapidly changed to a Category 2, The Associated Press reported. At least 13 people have died in South Carolina, 11 in Georgia and seven in Florida.

At 11 a.m. Friday, Cooper urged North Carolinians to consider "all roads closed unless you are seeking higher ground," especially in the mountains.

Over 100 swift-water rescues have occurred, "although we know there will be many more," Cooper said at a news conference.

He said 359 roads were closed, mainly in Western North Carolina, "although more are closing as we speak."

Statewide, 879,000 people were without power, Cooper said.

"This will be one of the most significant weather events to happen in the western portions of the area in the modern era," the National Weather Service for Spartanburg and Greenville posted on Thursday. "Record flooding is forecasted and has been compared to the floods of 1916 in the Asheville area."

Burke County emergency crews rescued a person injured in flooding in the N.C. 126 area north of Lake James, Christopher White, assistant county 911 director, told Charlotte Observer news partner WSOC.

In Black Mountain, truck drivers were stuck late Friday morning in a warehouse on Highway 70 where rising floodwaters threatened to carry them away in their big rigs, Telemundo Charlotte reported.

The 1916 flood brought death and property damage to western North Carolina. At least 50 people died. Streams and rivers, already full from previous rains, surged across low ground with startling speed in mid-July of 1916. Dead horses and chickens, hogsheads of tobacco and bales of cotton, moonshine stills and whole houses sailed down the Catawba, Yadkin and French Broad rivers, The Charlotte Observer reported.

More than 50 traffic crashes were reported Thursday in Mecklenburg and that continued Friday, according to MEDIC.

Flooding in Mecklenburg

Some areas of western Mecklenburg County received up to 4 inches of rain as of 5:30 p.m. Thursday, officials said. Rainfall totals were less on the eastern side of the county. No flooding to homes was reported during the day Thursday.

By Friday evening, some areas of west Mecklenburg had received over 6 inches of rain in the previous 48 hours.

hurricane helene 012.JPEGPeople in the Riverside Drive area are being evacuated as water continues to rise Friday morning, Sept. 27, 2024.

Mecklenburg issued a voluntary evacuation order Thursday for areas around Riverside Drive, Lake Drive, Riverhaven Drive and parts of Beagle Club Road and Hart Road, north of the airport, because of the risk of flooding. Charlotte firefighters were in the area to monitor rising water.

"Mountain Island Lake is spilling," according to a Duke Energy alert Friday morning. The lake is expected to reach or surpass 110 feet Saturday morning, or 10 feet above the full pond, officials said. That would mark the highest level ever at the lake.

Prepare for flooding and closely monitor lake levels, Duke Energy urged Mountain Island Lake residents.

Floodwaters could rise quickly in areas surrounding Mountain Island Lake, Lake Norman, Lake Wylie and along the Catawba River, emergency officials said.

Charlotte was under a flash flood warning until 2 p.m.

Drama started Thursday

At 10 a.m. Thursday, Charlotte Douglas International Airport was under a Helene-spawned tornado warning, along with Belmont and Mount Holly in Gaston County. Radar indicated a tornado, NWS meteorologists said, but there were no confirmed reports.

Charlotte resident Jacob Sprankle posted video on X, formerly Twitter, of a funnel cloud in Steele Creek. The NWS retweeted his post.

hurricane helene 005.JPEGCars and boats line Riverside Drive on Friday morning Sept. 27, 2024, as Helene moved across North Carolina.

"This is an unusually dangerous storm that threatens to bring heavy rain and potentially catastrophic flooding tonight and tomorrow for central and particularly Western North Carolina," the governor said at an 11 a.m. news conference Thursday. "It can be deadly. Beware and prepare."

Drivers should stay off roads, especially in the mountains and foothills, Cooper said.

"We have lost too many North Carolinians who have driven around barricades and into floodwaters," Cooper said.

Gusts of up to 50 mph were expected in Charlotte early Friday, NWS meteorologists said.

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Tornadoes threatened the region through Friday morning, NWS forecasters said. By Friday afternoon in Charlotte, skies were clearing but windy conditions remained, and wind lessened in the evening.

Thursday, President Joe Biden approved an emergency declaration for North Carolina. That allows the Federal Emergency Management Agency to help fund emergency protective measures in much of Western North Carolina, including evacuations and emergency shelters.

hurricane helene 003.JPEGArrowood Mobile Home Park in Steele Creek flooded Friday morning, Sept. 27, 2024, as Hurricane Helene moved across North Carolina.

Steele Creek funnel cloud video embed

200,000 without power in NC mountains

Nearly 200,000 Duke Energy customers were without power in the North Carolina mountains at 9 a.m. Friday, according to the company outage map.

In South Carolina, at least 220,600 customers had no power at 9 a.m. in Greenville County and 30,100 in York County.

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In the Carolinas' mountains, "catastrophic flash flooding is expected along numerous streams, with possibly historic flooding near the Blue Ridge Escarpment," the NWS said.

"Landslides/debris flows expected through at least Friday," the NWS said.

Shelters opened Thursday in Avery, Buncombe and McDowell counties, emergency officials said.

Landslide warning tweet embed

Thursday morning, Helene became a Category 2 hurricane, "with significant additional strengthening expected before landfall in Florida," and by evening it had become a Category 4 hurricane, according to National Hurricane Center bulletins.

Earlier Friday morning, the storm surged along the Florida coast and west Florida and penetrated Georgia and the Carolinas, according to the National Hurricane Center.

At 11 a.m. Friday, the center of Helene, downgraded to a tropical storm, was about 30 miles southwest of Bryson City, N.C., with 45-mph winds.

"Helene is producing historic and catastrophic flooding over portions of the Southeast and Southern Appalachians," according to an 11 a.m. National Hurricane Center update.

hurricane helene 015.JPEGResidents load a generator on a ATV in the Riverside Drive area as water continues to rise Friday morning, Sept. 27, 2024.

Charlotte airport flight delays

American Airlines issued travel alerts on Wednesday for airports in the Southeast, including Charlotte Douglas International Airport. American accounts for about 87% of all flights out of CLT.

As of 9 p.m. Friday, Charlotte Douglas International had 746 flights delayed and 427 that were canceled, according to FlightAware, an online website providing real-time information.

Adding that total since airlines began delaying and canceling flights ahead of Helene on Wednesday, over 2,000 flights have been disrupted this week.

"Hurricane Helene is causing numerous flight delays and cancellations across the region," a CLT spokesperson told The Charlotte Observer in an email. "We recommend passengers check their airline's flight status before heading to the airport, including those picking up arriving passengers."

NC Gov Cooper: Helene threatens to bring catastrophic rain to stateDuring an NC Emergency Briefing on Thursday, Gov. Roy Cooper said that "Helene threatens heavy rain, flash flooding, landslides, and damaging winds to the mountains and Piedmont areas of our state."

Gov. Cooper declared NC State of Emergency

Cooper declared a state of emergency on Wednesday, activating the National Guard and deploying swift-water teams in advance of Helene.

"Helene threatens heavy rain, flash flooding, landslides, and damaging winds to the mountains and Piedmont areas of our state," Cooper said in a statement. "Now is the time for North Carolinians to prepare, make sure emergency kits are up to date and pay attention to the weather alerts in your area."

On Thursday, Cooper said Helene's "path is wide, and its impacts will be felt far from the center of the storm."

Duke Energy called in power line and tree crews from other states. Wind damage and flooding could delay restoring power, but its crews will do so "as quickly and safely as possible," according to a company statement Thursday

morning.

Charlotte Motor Speedway opened its campgrounds at noon Wednesday for Helene evacuees from across the Southeast. Evacuees should check in at the Camping World Racing Resort office at 6600 Bruton Smith Blvd. in Concord.

Caldwell County also declared a state of emergency. Haywood County in the mountains urged residents to prepare for possible evacuation due to flooding from Helene.

hurricane helene 006.JPEGA downed tree blocked Mount Holly Road on Friday morning, Sept. 27, 2024, as Helene moved across North Carolina.

School closings

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools officials canceled in-person classes for the rest of the week. The district moved to remote learning on Friday, with classes to be completed asynchronously, meaning there won't be any face-to-face instruction, according to a weather alert posted on the CMS website.

After-school activities for Thursday and Friday were canceled, according to the district. Athletic events will be rescheduled. CMS schools were to resume a normal schedule Monday.

Observer staff writers Chase Jordan and Evan Moore and Adam Wagner of The News & Observer contributed.

hurricane helene 018.JPEGA fallen tree is seen on Tuckaseegee Rd. In Charlotte, N.C. Friday morning, Sept. 27, 2024.

hurricane helene 019.JPGMcKinley Moore inspects the damage on his home after a tree fell over his bedroom early Friday morning Sept. 27, 2024 in Charlotte. The ceiling fan and ceiling fell on top of him. He lives at 5635 Lawn Meadow Drive

hurricane helene 020.JPGA downed tree is seen on Anderson Street in Charlotte, N.C., Friday morning, Sept. 27, 2024 as Hurricane Helene moved across N.C.

hurricane helene 016.JPEGA fallen tree blocks Eastway Drive Friday morning Sept. 27, 2024, in Charlotte as Hurricane Helene moved across North Carolina.

hurricane helene 011.JPEGResidents of the Riverside Drive area are being evacuated as water continues to rise Friday morning, Sept. 27, 2024.

Hurrican Helena 002.JPEGStreet lights were out in the 6800 block of South Tryon Street in Charlotte on Friday morning, Sept. 27, 2024, as Helene moved north of Charlotte.

RHL_kimball_rain2Haley Kivett, left, and Lauren Johnson walked in the rain at Winthrop University in Rock Hill on Thursday, Sept. 26, 2024.

RHL_kimball_rain3A family walked in the rain at Walmart in Rock Hill Thursday, Sept. 26, 2024.

RHL_kimball_rain_1_91924(2)Traffic flows down Celanese Road in Rock Hill on Thursday, Sept. 26, as heavy rain from Helene falls.

NWS Helene rain totals

Helene wind gusts

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Girl, 4, killed in wreck during Hurricane Helene rains, NC State Highway Patrol says

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A 4-year-old girl and a 58-year-old man died in wrecks on Charlotte-area roads Thursday during rains spawned by Hurricane Helene.

The girl was killed in a Catawba County head-on wreck about 8:10 a.m., State Highway Patrol Trooper Christopher Casey said.

A 2-year-old and a 12-year-old in the vehicles were hospitalized with life-threatening injuries, Casey said.

Helene's outer bands had moved into the Charlotte region.

The girl died after the SUV in which she was riding crossed the center line on Boggs Road near Hunsucker Drive about 8:10 a.m., Casey said. The 12-year-old also was in the SUV, he said.

Casey identified the driver as 32-year-old Lyndsey Nicole Gaddis of the town of Catawba. Gaddis was hospitalized with non-life threatening injuries, the trooper said.

The hospitalized 2-year-old was in an SUV driven by 34-year-old Tiffany Miner Sipe of Claremont, Casey said. Sipe was hospitalized with non-life threatening injuries. A 4-year-old in the SUV had non-life threatening injuries, Casey said.

Charges are possible once the State Highway Patrol investigation is complete and troopers go over their findings with the Catawba County District Attorney's Office, Casey said

Boggs Road was closed for about two hours as troopers investigated the collision.

Gastonia death

James Auten, 58, of Forest City died when his car crossed the center line on Union Road about 1 p.m. and hit another car, Gastonia Police spokesman Bill McGinty said.

Fatal.jpgA driver died when his car crossed the center line on rain-slickened Union Road and hit another car Thursday afternoon, Sept. 26, 2024, Gastonia Police spokesman Bill McGinty said.

The cars collided between Niblick Drive and East Hudson Boulevard, McGinty said. Police are still investigating the cause, he said late Thursday afternoon.

Boggs Road Helene death locator map

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Schools closed Friday across the Charlotte region. What to know as Helene arrives

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With meteorologists predicting heavy rain and possible floods in the Charlotte area from Hurricane Helene on Thursday and Friday, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools officials canceled in-person classes for the rest of the week.

The district will move to remote learning on Friday, with classes to be completed asynchronously, meaning there won't be any face-to-face instruction, according to a weather alert posted on the CMS website. School will resume Monday.

"All asynchronous assignments for the day will be posted on the teacher's Canvas page by 7 a.m. Friday, emailed out via ParentSquare by 7 a.m. Friday, and/or provided to the students via paper on Thursday," the alert says. "To ensure all students have the resources they need, teachers will review with students on Thursday how to access the assignments for Friday. If you have any questions about your student's assignments, please contact your student's teacher(s)."

After school activities for Thursday and Friday are canceled, according to the district. Athletic events will be rescheduled.

UNC Charlotte also announced all classes would be held online beginning at 5 p.m. Thursday through 11:59 p.m. Friday. Scheduled athletic events will continue. The status of other campus events on Thursday and Friday are at the discretion of their organizers.

Charlotte-area school closures

Below are updates about other area schools and districts:

- « Charlotte Country Day School: Classes are canceled for Friday. All other school-related activities are also canceled.
- « Charlotte Latin School: Classes are canceled for Friday. After-school activities will continue Thursday, and sports will practice on a case-by-case basis. After-school activities Friday will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.
- « Cabarrus County Schools will be closed on Friday. Athletic and extra-curricular events and activities are canceled on Thursday and Friday. The KIDS:PLUS after-school program will be open on Thursday but closed on Friday. The district announced there will not be a make-up day.
- « Catawba County Schools: Closed for students on Friday. It will be an optional workday for all teachers, replacing the previously scheduled elementary/middle school workday. The weather on Friday morning is not safe for bus routes, employees, and student drivers, with high winds and saturated ground potentially causing downed trees and power lines, the district said.
- « Chester County School District canceled after-school and athletic events for Thursday, the district posted on its web site. Friday will be an e-learning day and Friday's athletic and after-school events have been canceled.
- « Clover School District will have an e-learning day on Friday. Scheduled homecoming events and athletics on Friday evening will continue as planned, the district said in a news release. Any schedule changes will be released by individual schools.

- « Fort Mill Schools: All schools and district facilities will be closed on Friday. The district will transition to e-learning for the day. Sports events for Friday night will continue as scheduled, the district said in a news release. Any changes will be sent out by individual schools, the district said.
- « Gaston County Schools: All after-school and evening activities, including athletics, are canceled for Thursday. Friday will be a remote learning day for students, and all after-school activities are canceled.
- « Iredell-Statesville Schools: All after-school and evening activities, including athletics, are canceled for Thursday. Friday will be a remote learning day in the district, according to a spokesperson. Parents, students and staff should follow the district's inclement weather protocols.
- « Kannapolis City Schools will not have school for students on Friday. All after-school activities are also canceled for Thursday.
- « Lancaster County School District will have an e-learning day Friday and has canceled Friday after-school and athletic events, the district posted on its web site.
- « Lincoln County Schools will be closed for students Friday. All before- and after-school activities are canceled Friday.
- « Mooresville Graded School District: Closed to students on Friday, and will operate on a remote learning day. Additional information regarding the remote learning day will be forthcoming from each child's school. All after school activities for Thursday have been canceled. All before and after school activities for Friday have been canceled.
- « Providence Day School: Classes are canceled for Friday. After-school activities may take place on a case-by-case basis.
- « Rock Hill School District will have an e-learning day on Friday. Weather conditions are expected to clear by Friday evening, allowing extracurricular activities to move forward as scheduled unless otherwise noted by the school.
- « Rowan-Salisbury Schools will have an e-learning day Friday. That means students will access lessons online through Canvas or utilize materials sent home Thursday. All afternoon and evening activities are canceled Thursday.
- « Union County Public Schools canceled all after-school activities for Thursday, which includes band, athletics and clubs. The UCPS After School Program will operate on a normal schedule and close at 6 p.m. All classes and after-school activities are canceled Friday, the district announced.
- « York School District will have an e-learning day Friday and has canceled Friday after-school and athletic events, the district posted on its Facebook page.

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Hurricane Helene: Check out Charlotte area closures for restaurants + bars, parks, events

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Heavy rain, high wind and possible floods are in the forecast as Hurricane Helene makes its way through the Carolinas on Thursday and Friday, which means some restaurants, entertainment venues and small businesses are temporarily shutting their doors.

Before heading out, check businesses' social media to see if the spots you're interested in are open. But to get you started, here's a list of local businesses and events that are making adjustments during the storm:

Alino Pizzeria

Location: 500 S. Main St., #401, Mooresville, NC 28115

Status: Will be open from 5-9 p.m. if power permits

Bang Bang Burgers

Location: 2001 E. 7th St., Suite D, Charlotte, NC 28204

Location: 235 W. Tremont Ave., #101, Charlotte, NC 28203

Status: Tremont is closed due to a power outage; 7th Street will open for lunch

The Barcelona Burger and Beer Garden

Location: 500 S. Main St., Mooresville, NC 28115

Status: Will be open from 5-9 p.m. if power permits

Betty by Moxie Mercantile

Location: 1219 Thomas Ave., Charlotte, NC 28205

Status: Betty Bookworms is canceled Friday

Brooks Sandwich House

Location: 2710 N. Brevard St., Charlotte, NC 28205

Status: Closed Thursday and Friday

Cakeable Cafe

Location: 401 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, North Carolina 28202

Status: Closed Friday

Camp North End

Location: 300 Camp Rd., Charlotte, NC 28206

Status: The Crossroads Cinema and Farmers Market scheduled for Thursday have been canceled.

Charlotte Collective

Location: 110 West Blvd., Suite B, Charlotte, NC 28204

Status: Closed Friday

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Animal Care & Control

Location: 8315 Byrum Dr., Charlotte, NC 28217

Location: 2700 Toomey Ave., Charlotte, NC 28203

Status: Delayed opening due to a power outage

Charlotte Museum of History

Location: 3500 Shamrock Dr., Charlotte, NC 28215

Status: Closed Friday

The Collective Belmont

Location: 24 N Main St, Belmont, NC 28012

Status: Planning to open Friday at noon.

Cupcrazed Cakery

Location: 936 Market St. #103, Fort Mill, SC 29708

Status: Closed Friday

Dish

Location: 1220 Thomas Ave., Charlotte, NC 28205

Status: Closed for lunch Friday

Gibson Mill Market

Location: 305 McGill Ave NW Bldg. 200, Concord, NC 28027

Status: Opening late; possibly around 3 p.m. on Friday.

Hayne Street Gastrolounge

Location: 109 N. Hayne St., Unit 100, Monroe, NC 28112

Status: Closed for lunch, will reopen at 4 p.m.

Huntersville Family Fitness & Aquatics

Location: 11725 Verhoeff Dr., Huntersville, NC 28078

Status: Closing at 7 p.m. Thursday. The facility will reopen at 10 a.m. Friday.

The Local Scoop

Location: 1600 E. Woodlawn Rd., #110, Charlotte, NC 28209

Location: 5355 Ballantyne Commons Pkwy., Charlotte, NC 28277

Location: 105 W. Charles St., Matthews, NC 28105

Status: The Matthews location will be closed Thursday.

Margaux's Wine, Pizza & Market

Location: 316 Main St., Pineville, NC 28134

Status: Closed Friday

Mecklenburg County Offices and Services

Status: All county offices, solid waste centers, recreation and senior centers, libraries, parks, nature preserves and nature centers will be closed on Friday. That includes:

DSS Child, Family, and Adult ServicesDepartment of Community Resources Valerie C. Woodard Community Resource Center Ella B. Scarborough Community Resource Center Public Health Elections Office Tax Collector's OfficeRegister of Deeds Office Land Use and Environmental Services Agency

Additional info: Hotlines operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week to receive reports of suspected abuse or neglect. To report abuse of seniors or the disabled, call 704-336-CARE (2273). To report abuse, neglect, or human trafficking of children, call 980-31-HELPS (43577).

Mojo's Famous Hot Dogs

Location: 4400 Statesville Rd., Charlotte, NC 28269

Status: Closed Thursday and Friday

The Neighborhood Cafe

Location: 100 Huntersville-Concord Rd., Huntersville, NC 28078

Status: Closed for dinner Thursday

The Pauline Tea-Bar Apothecary

Location: 2326 Arty Ave., Charlotte, NC 28208

Status: Closed Friday

The Percantile

Location: 8635 Concord Mills Boulevard, Concord, NC 28027

Status: Opening on an hour delay on Friday.

Kersey Valley Spookywoods

Location: 1615 Kersey Valley Rd, Archdale, NC 27263

Status: Postponed opening to Oct. 4

Additional info: Kersey Valley Spookywoods was initially set to open on Friday, Sept. 27. Ticket holders have been emailed with options to reschedule.

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Red Bridges Barbecue Lodge

Location: 2000 E. Dixon Blvd., Shelby, NC 28150

Status: Closing at 5 p.m. Thursday

Republica Restaurant & Lounge

Location: 11315 E. Independence Blvd., Matthews, NC 28105

Status: Grand opening postponed until Oct. 5 due to weather

Rico's Acai

Location: 917 Pecan Ave., Charlotte, NC 28205

Location: 8440 Rea Rd., #100, Charlotte, NC 28277

Status: Ballantyne and Plaza Midwood locations closed Friday

The Scorpio Charlotte

Location: 225 Fairwood Ave., Charlotte, NC 28203

Status: Closed Thursday

Seaboard Brewing

Location: 213 N. Trade St., Matthews, NC 28105

Status: Will be open at 4 p.m if power is restored

Second Street Sundries

Location: 221 N. Second Street, Albemarle, NC 28001

Status: Closed Friday

Southern Strain Beer Company

Location: 1800 Central Ave., Charlotte, NC 28205

Location: 165 Brumley Ave. NE, Suite 3001, Concord, NC 28025

Status: Opening at 3 p.m. Friday

SouthPark After 5

Location: Symphony Park, 4400 Sharon Rd., Charlotte, NC 28211

Status: Canceled due to inclement weather.

Suarez Bakery

Location: 4245 Park Rd., Charlotte, NC 28209

Status: Closed Friday; pre-orders can still be picked up

The Vintage

Location: 215 E Worthington Ave, Charlotte, NC 28203

Status: Will open at 2 p.m.

Wentworth & Fenn

Location: 270 Camp Road Suite 103, Charlotte, North Carolina 28206

Status: Opening at 10 a.m. Friday.

Wheelz Pizza

Location: 901 S. Kings Dr., #150, Charlotte, NC 28204

Location: 327 W. Tremont Ave., Charlotte, NC 28203

Status: Closed for lunch

Your Mom's Doughnuts

Location: 4205 Park Rd., Charlotte, NC 28209

Location: 11025 Monroe Rd., Matthews, NC 28105

Status: The Park Road location will be closed Friday, but the Matthews location will be open.

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