

Columbus County Disaster Recovery Center Relocates, Will Close Permanently Dec. 5

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RALEIGH, N.C. – The Columbus County disaster recovery center in Whiteville has moved. It will remain at the new location until it closes permanently at 5 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 5.

The center is now located at:

The Econo Lodge

503 N. JK Powell Blvd.

Whiteville, N.C. 28472

Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday and Saturday

10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Wednesday

Closing permanently 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5

Individuals and businesses in counties included in the North Carolina federal disaster declaration for Hurricane Florence may still register for assistance before the Dec. 13 deadline by:

- Calling the disaster assistance helpline at 800-621-3362 or 800-462-7585 (TTY) anytime from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. local time seven days a week until further notice. Multilingual operators are available. You can update your contact information, ask questions about a letter from FEMA, get information about FEMA home inspections, or learn how to appeal a FEMA decision.
- Going online to DisasterAssistance.gov or [DisasterAssistance.gov in Spanish](https://DisasterAssistance.gov).



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- Downloading the [FEMA mobile app](#) or the [FEMA mobile app in Spanish](#).
- Downloading the [ReadyNC app](#).
- Visiting any of the recovery centers that remain open. To find center locations and current hours, download the [FEMA mobile app](#), the [ReadyNC app](#), or visit [FEMA.gov/DRC](#). Center hours and operations are adjusted based on visitor demand. Starting Dec. 3 most centers will be open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday until further notice. All are closed Sundays.

If you have questions about a U.S. Small Business Administration low-interest disaster loan, you may contact SBA's Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center by calling 800-659-2955 or 800-877-8339 (TTY). You may also email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov or visit SBA's website at sba.gov/disaster.

If you have unmet disaster-related needs, you may call the statewide referral service at 2-1-1 or 888-892-1162 (TTY), or text Florence to 898211.

For more information on North Carolina's recovery from Hurricane Florence, visit ncdps.gov/Florence and FEMA.gov/Disaster/4393. Follow us on Twitter: [@NCEmergency](https://twitter.com/NCEmergency) and [@FEMARegion4](https://twitter.com/FEMARegion4).

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