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## **News Release**

### **Mandatory Evacuation Lifting for Coastal Counties**

(ATLANTA) – Under the request and recommendation from local officials, Governor Nathan Deal is lifting the mandatory evacuation order for the mainland of Bryan, Camden, Chatham, Glynn, Liberty and McIntosh counties at 5 p.m. this evening. The barrier islands remain under a mandatory evacuation at this time. Additionally, I-16 eastbound will reopen at 3 p.m. today.

Local officials may still impose restrictions on reentry and residents and business owners seeking to return should check to ensure they meet all local requirements.

Residents should also be aware that many areas still lack critical life-sustaining services and infrastructure. Those choosing to return at this time may not have power, water or sewage services, and many roads remain inaccessible.

For additional information regarding conditions and services in local areas, contact your local emergency management agency.

Bryan: (912) 858-2799  
Camden: (912) 729-5602  
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Glynn: (912) 554-7826  
Liberty: (912) 368-2201  
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As part of the Office of the Governor, GEMHSA works with local, state and federal governments, in partnership with the private sector and faith-based community, to protect life and property against man-made and natural emergencies. In addition, GEMHSA employees are on 24-hour call statewide to assist local authorities when disaster strikes. GEMHSA's Ready Georgia campaign helps Georgians prepare for disasters. Go to [www.ready.ga.gov](http://www.ready.ga.gov) or download the free Ready Georgia app for information on developing a custom emergency plan and Ready kit.

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