

## **Public Service Announcement**

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## Recovery efforts and reentry update

GLYNN COUNTY, Ga.- Glynn County and City of Brunswick's Public Works crews have been diligently working to restore traffic lights and remove debris from roadways. Joint Water and Sewer crews have been working around the clock to fix essential assets. A lack of pumping system services leads to a significant threat of sanitary sewer overflows into the environment or a backup into the home or business internal plumbing. Due to power failures, the North Mainland district has 75% of its stations down. The St. Simons Island district has 71% of its stations down. Sanitary sewer overflow threat presents a serious risk to public health, especially with the amount of standing water. At this time, there are no boil water advisories. Georgia Power crews have been working to restore power and fix downed power lines, however there are still 34,000 homes without power in the area. A main transmission line is very close to being repaired which supplies many homes that are affected.

While crews have made some progress within the community there are still many issues that remain. It is still not safe to be out and about in the county. When crews work uninterrupted by traffic, every minute Glynn County limits access increases the speed of recovery exponentially.

At this time, Phase 2 of the reentry plan has been implemented for Glynn County. Phase 2 includes critical workforce conducting life safety operations and essential infrastructure emergency support personnel. These personnel have applied for and received a green critical workforce disaster re-entry permit. In addition to the permit, a form of personal ID, such as a driver's license, and a business ID with their name will be needed for re-entry. No additional critical workforce passes will be given out this week. Hospital staff, with both a state ID and a hospital issued ID, will also be allowed reentry. Law enforcement personnel at various checkpoints will be restricting reentry to those who do not meet the requirements for Phase 2 entry.

A curfew from midnight to 6 a.m. will be in effect until Saturday, September 16. We are hopeful a decision can be made sometime tomorrow evening regarding when the public can reenter Glynn County. Another public service announcement will be issued tomorrow before noon, Wednesday, September 13.