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Emergency Services 5.30pm Update on Flooding in County Clare and Ennis

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The Gort Road and Limerick Road access to Ennis have been closed. The advice from the Gardai is for motorists to avoid Ennis. Many areas of Ennis are closed to traffic due to flooding and motorists should not unless absolutely necessary come to Ennis.

The sandbags are being used at key locations. In addition empty bags and sand are being provided at the following locations to facilitate local people who are encouraged to fill the bags themselves and use them to protect and safe property.

- o Honeywell
- o Tobertaoscain
- o Castle Lawn
- o Foir Uisce
- o Ard Aoibhinn
- o Francis Street

Other locations will be advised.

The river levels remain a matter of concern and are expected to arise later. The high tide today is scheduled for 9 p.m. Accordingly the risk of further flooding will be higher from approximately 7 30 p.m. this evening. The volume of water north of Ennis is significant and will continue to make its way through Ennis.

Local people are advised that sandbags are not available for collection by individuals. The available stock of sandbags is being utilised to respond to critical areas.

At present 52 people have been evacuated from Willowpark and Oakwood Drive and householders in Foir Uisce on the Gort Road are also been evacuated.

Given the present status of the flooding the emergency response will continue on a 24 hour basis. The helpline is 1890-252943 and will operate on a 24 hour basis.

The Emergency Services are monitoring levels of water. The general public is advised to take the necessary steps regarding personal hygiene.

The Emergency Services are monitoring levels of water on an ongoing basis. Water supplies are also being monitored. In the interests of personal safety people should avoid contact with flood waters and parents are requested to be particularly vigilant with children.

Below is the latest details in relation to roads affected by flooding:

Ennis District

Girroga Lake has burst its bank has flooded Gort Road Industrial Road Industrial Estate
Abbey Street car park slight flooding

Irish Press Releases

Ard Aoibhinn, Limerick Road, limited access

Honeywell is flooded

Abbey Street - Access can be gained from Francis Street and up, Queens Hotel.

Newbridge Road, Ennis not passable

Causeway link now open

Tubber Road, Corofin - not passable

Druimmin on Kilrush Road - Stop/Go system, Ennis Bound Lane is not passable

Lissane chr(38) Kildysart Road, Clarecastle, not passable

Cusack Lawn, Lahinch Road, Ennis - not passable

Tobertaiscean closed from Limerick road junction

Limerick Road Captain Mac's - Not passable

Ennis to Corofin passable

Aughanteeroe Estate, Gort Road - At the back is under water and is rising into driveways - sandbags have been delivered to all houses

Glassan Estate and Claireen Drive, Drumcliff Road is flooded

Ballyline on the N18 flooding on road but passable

Gort Road not passable

Elm Park housing estate - closed

Bridge at Bank Place closed to vehicular traffic

Lissane Cross to Claremount Road closed

Shannon District

Shannon to Newmarket on Fergus Road (Old Road) bad but passable

Crowe's shop Sixmilebridge at junction with Cratloe Road, flooded but passable

Old roads in the back parts Newmarket On Fergus are flooded

Rossmanaghan Road Sixmilebridge not passable

Ennistymon District - Confirmed with Area Engineer

North of Inagh on Ennis to Ennistymon Road not passable

Maurice's Mills road from Corofin Road - Not passable

All towns North of Ennistymon - (Ballyvaughan, Carron) not passable

Detours in place and are well sign posted

Leminagh Castle not passable - 4 feet of water on the road

Kilrush District - Confirmed with Area Engineer

Doonbeg at Mount River's Bridge is not passable

Shragh not passable

Cooraclare to Kilrush flooded not passable

Cooraclare to Cree flooded but passable

Annaghgeeragh Bridge from Cree to Miltown Malbay not passable

Flooding Cappa not passable

Killaloe District

Old Road from Tulla to Quin is not passable

Irish Press Releases

R461 Feakle to Scarriff road is not passable - lake has burst its bank

R466 Broadford to Tulla Road is not passable. Two large floods two miles out of Broadford

Divert take Broadford to Bodyke road go left for O Callaghan's Mills

One mile out of Broadford on the Sixmilebridge road Doon Lake had burst its banks Diversions in place.

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