



# State Emergency Operations Center

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### **March 24, 2023 Severe Weather Update #5**

**Pearl** – The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency continues to assess the damage in multiple counties affected by the March 24<sup>th</sup> tornadoes and severe weather. At the time of this release, the National Weather Service has confirmed seven tornadoes touched down in Mississippi. One EF-4 tornado (Rolling Fork/Silver City tornado), two EF-3 tornadoes (Carroll/Montgomery County tornado and Monroe County tornado), and four EF-1 tornadoes impacted the state.

**Residents in Carroll, Humphreys, Monroe, and Sharkey Counties can now register for FEMA Individual Assistance by going online to [disasterassistance.gov](https://disasterassistance.gov) or calling 800-621-FEMA (3362).**

Residents in Carroll, Humphreys, Monroe, and Sharkey counties in **Mississippi**, are eligible for both **Physical and Economic Injury Disaster Loans from the SBA**. Small businesses and most private nonprofit organizations in the following adjacent counties are eligible to apply only for SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs): Attala, Chickasaw, Clay, Grenada, Holmes, Issaquena, Itawamba, Lee, Leflore, Lowndes, Montgomery, Sunflower, Washington and Yazoo in **Mississippi**; and Lamar and Marion in **Alabama**. Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA's secure website at <https://disasterloanassistance.sba.gov/ela/s/> and should apply under SBA declaration # **17836**.

**The following are PRELIMINARY and may change through the assessment process. These counties report some damage to homes ranging from affected to destroyed.**

<b>County</b>	<b>Residential Homes</b>
• Carroll	24 homes
• Humphreys	55 homes
• Monroe	1,476 homes
• Montgomery	49 homes
• Grenada	1 home
• Prentiss	1 home
• Panola	33 homes
• Sharkey	255 homes

MEMA is encouraging residents who can to report their damage using [MEMA's Self-Report Tool](#).



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### **INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR TORNADO DAMAGE**

Damage caused by tornadoes is covered under standard homeowners and business insurance policies, as well as the optional comprehensive portion of an auto insurance policy.

“Let your insurance company know the extent of the damage,” said Insurance Commissioner Mike Chaney. “After tornadoes and other disasters, insurance companies will reach out to those with the worst losses first. If you are not staying on the property, make sure your insurance representative knows where and how to contact you.”

Follow these steps when filing a claim:

- Prepare to file an insurance claim by gathering all relevant policy numbers.
- File your claim as soon as possible. Your policy may require that you make the notification within a certain time period.
- Be aware, if a widespread disaster has occurred, the company may set up special procedures.
- Be sure you cooperate fully with the insurance company. Ask what documents, forms and data you will need to file a claim. Keep a record of all conversations with insurance companies, creditors or relief agencies.
- If your home is damaged to the extent that you can't live there, ask your insurance company if you have coverage for additional living expenses.
- Take photographs/video of the damage. Inventory your home for damaged or lost items before your adjuster arrives. This will speed up your claim process.
- Make the repairs necessary to prevent further damage to your property (cover broken windows, leaking roofs and damaged walls).
- Don't have permanent repairs made until your insurance company has inspected the property and you have reached an agreement on the cost of repairs. Be prepared to provide the claims adjuster with records of any improvements you made prior to the damage.
- Maintain any damaged personal property for the adjuster to inspect.
- Ask the adjuster for an itemized explanation of the claim settlement offer.
- Be patient and assist claims adjusters assigned to your case. Small losses may be settled quickly; extensive claims will take longer.
- Save all receipts, including those from the temporary repairs covered by your insurance policy.

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### Shelter Locations:

- South Delta Middle School, 86 Middle School Road, Anguilla, MS
- The Old Amory National Guard Building: 101 South 9th Street, Amory
- Silver City First Baptist, 257 Main Street, Silver City 39166

### Clinic Locations open in Rolling Fork:

- Complete Care, 25 S 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Rolling Fork MS 39159
- Sharkey Issaquena Medical Clinic, 283 Race Street, Rolling Fork, MS 39159
- Pain Treatments Center of America and Family Medicine, 29 S 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Rolling Fork, MS

### Free Tetanus Vaccinations Available In Counties Affected by Weekend Tornadoes:

Beginning today, the Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH) is offering FREE Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) vaccinations in Monroe and Sharkey counties for responders and residents who were affected by the weekend storms.

### Locations:

- Monroe County Health Department, 1300 HWY 125 S, Amory, MS
- Sharkey-Issaquena County Health Department, 297 Race St., Rolling Fork, MS

The sites will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and remain open until April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The MSDH reminds all residents affected by the tornadoes over the weekend that a tetanus vaccination is recommended if it's been 10 years or more since your last tetanus vaccination. Vaccination is available for those 10 years and older; parents must sign a consent for children under 18. In the event of a puncture wound or wound contaminated by floodwater, individuals should consult a healthcare provider.

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**Donations:** Those donating are asked to coordinate with the following locations and contacts before self-deploying donations.

Location	Address	Point of Contact	Hours of Operation
Humphrey's County Emergency Management Agency	106 East Street Silver City, MS	Tamekia Jones 662-836-8347	8:00a- 6:00p
Crossway Church	1825 Hwy 61 South Vicksburg, MS 39180	TJ Tennison 601-629-7995	8:00a -4:30p
Mississippi Fairgrounds	1207 Mississippi Street Jackson, MS 39202	MHP Troop C 601-420-6342	8:00a - 6:30p
MHP Patrol Troop K	16741 Highway 67, Biloxi, MS	228-534-8619	9a-3p (March 28 -March 30)
MHP Patrol Troop F	1103 Bratton Road, New Albany, MS	662-534-8619	9a-3p (March 28 -March 30)
Old Amory Garment	902 Main Street South Amory, MS	Patty Parker 662-257-2474	9:00a - 6:30p
Amory Regional Museum	801 3rd Street South Amory, MS	Wayne Knox 662-315-1849, 662-256-276	9:00a- 6:30p
Carroll-County-Old Vaiden High School Gym	504 Mulberry Vaiden, MS 39176	Stella Bell 662- 897-0511	10:00a - 4:00p

Needed Items:

- Non-perishable food
- Sunblock
- Baby wipes
- Cleaning supplies
- Paper products: toilet paper, tissues, plates
- Plastic cutlery
- Storage Bins
- Gatorade
- Sports drinks
- Hygiene products
- Women's hygiene products
- Do **NOT** need clothing donations

Monetary Donations can be made to the [American Red Cross](#) or [Salvation Army](#).

### Water Delivery Sites:

- Carroll County Emergency Operations Center, 20480 MS HWY 35, McCarley, MS 38943
- Montgomery County: Winona Coliseum, 200 Recreational Drive, Winona, MS



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### ESF #6 Mass Care and Human Services

- The **Mississippi Department of Employment Security (MDES)** will open **ALL** WIN Job locations from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, to assist residents with filing claims and other appropriate information. The link for this page is <https://mdes.ms.gov/unemployment-claims/claims-information/march-24-2023-tornadoes/>. A dedicated phone line is also being created to assist those who do not have access to a computer or other smart device.
- The **Mississippi Department of Education (MDE)** is in contact with the six school districts affected by the March 24th tornado. It will continue to assess their needs to provide help and support.

### South Delta School District (Sharkey County)

- **Buildings:** The district superintendent reported on 3/26/23 that school buildings were not destroyed but sustained roof damage.
- Schools are closed until further notice.

### Amory School District (Monroe County)

- Schools closed at least through 3/31/23.

### Carroll County School District

- Schools closed at least through 3/28/23
- **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)** recipients who have lost food due to a disaster must request a replacement at their local Mississippi Department of Human Services (MDHS) office within ten days of the disaster. Households can submit the replacement request using mail, email, or by using the upload feature on the MDHS website. ([www.mdhs.ms.gov](http://www.mdhs.ms.gov)).
- The **Department of Mental Health** reports that the Region 6 Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT) is responding to the community to bring supplies and meet mental health needs. Those specialists are available to provide services in the community for anyone experiencing a behavioral health crisis. The DMH Helpline is also available for information and referral services and can be reached at 1-877-210-8513.

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