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March 24, 2023 Severe Weather Update #4

Pearl – The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency continues to work with affected counties to assess damage from the severe weather and tornadoes on March 24, 2023. During a disaster, numbers are likely to change. Now that search and rescue efforts have been demobilized, MEMA can **confirm a total of 21 storm-related fatalities**.

- Carroll County: 3 fatalities
- Humphreys County: 3 fatalities
- Monroe County: 2 fatalities
- Sharkey County: 13 fatalities

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

Seven counties affected by the storm have reported **1,621 homes** damaged.

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

County	Residential Homes	Public Roads and Building
• Carroll	24 homes	3 public roads
• Humphreys	55 homes	
• Monroe	1,476 homes	29 public roads, 3 utilities
• Montgomery	49 homes	4 public roads, 1 public office building
• Grenada	1 home	
• Prentiss	1 home	
• Panola	15 homes	12 public roads



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MEMA is encouraging residents who can to report their damage using MEMA's Self-Report Tool.

The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency has coordinated multiple resources to help those impacted. Those resources include 64,000 bottles of water, 1,848 tarps, 576 meals, potable water tankers, portable restrooms, hand washing stations, batteries, bank chargers, and fuel for critical infrastructure generators.

SHELTER LOCATION UPDATE FOR SHARKEY COUNTY: The National Guard Armory/Civic Center Shelter is being relocated to **South Delta Elementary School at 138 Weathers Avenue in Rolling Fork**, where food will still be provided.

The Old Amory National Guard Building located at 101 South 9th Street in Amory will still be used as a shelter with the American Red Cross, Salvation Army, and other nonprofit organizations offering food at this site.

The Humphrey County Multipurpose Building located at 417 Silver City Road in Amory is now being used as a feeding location **ONLY**.

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)



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- Buildings: High school roof sustained damage. A structural engineer will assess the building on 3/25/23 to determine if it is safe to occupy.
- Schools closed at least through 3/31/23.

Carroll County School District

- Buildings: No damage to schools.
- Schools closed at least through 3/28/23

Winona School District (Montgomery County)

- Buildings: No damage to schools.
- Schools closed on 3/27/23 and will assess daily.

New Albany School District (Union County)

- Buildings: Some structural damage.
- Schools will be open on 3/27/23

Humphreys County School District

- Buildings: No damage to schools.
- Schools will be open on 3/27/23.

- **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).
- 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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Donations:

Below is a list of locations that are receiving donations as what is needed.

Location	Address	Needed Items:
Humphrey's County Emergency Management Agency	16735 US Highway 49 Belzoni, MS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Non-perishable food• Sunblock• Feminine products• Baby wipes• Cleaning supplies• Paper products: toilet paper, tissues, plates• Plastic cutlery
Crossway Church	1825 Hwy 61 South Vicksburg, MS 39180	
Mississippi Fairgrounds	1207 Mississippi Street Jackson, MS 39202	
Old Amory Garment	902 Main Street South Amory, MS	
Amory Regional Museum	801 3rd Street South Amory, MS	
Carroll-County-Old Vaiden High School Gym	504 Mulberry Vaiden, MS 39176	

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

Volunteers:

If you want to volunteer time or resources, please do not self-deploy. Volunteer in coordination with Volunteer Mississippi at this [link](#).