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March 24, 2023, Severe Weather Update #7

Pearl – The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency continues to assess the damage and aid in response and recovery in multiple counties affected by the March 24th tornadoes and severe weather.

Residents in Carroll, Humphreys, Monroe, and Sharkey Counties can now register for FEMA Individual Assistance by going online to [disasterassistance.gov](https://www.disasterassistance.gov) or calling **800-621-FEMA (3362)**, disaster number **DR- 4697**.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Mobile Application Centers are now open to serve those affected by the storms and severe weather at the following locations:

Carroll County

J.Z. George High School
900 George Street
Carrollton, MS, 38947
(Closed Sunday, April 2nd)

Humphreys County

Humphreys County Library
105 Hayden Street
Belzoni, MS 39038

Sharkey County

Heritage Manor
431 West Race Street
Rolling Fork, MS 39159

Monroe County

The Old Amory National
Guard Building
101 South 9th Street,
Amory, MS 38821

FEMA Disaster Survivor Assistance (DSA) teams are also going door-to-door to assist residents with their FEMA applications. Residents are strongly advised **NOT** to disclose any personally identifiable information to anyone unless they are wearing FEMA attire and have their federal photo identification badge.

The Mississippi Insurance Department (MID) is strongly encouraging all insurance carriers in the state to work with policyholders in Sharkey, Humphreys, Carroll, and Monroe counties for a period of 90 days, March 24, 2023, to June 21, 2023, before issuing a cancellation or non-renewal of policies due to nonpayment of premiums. Policyholders in the affected areas with their premiums on an automatic draft or electronic funds transfer arrangement must contact their financial institution to stop these payments.

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Residents in Carroll, Humphreys, Monroe, and Sharkey counties in Mississippi are eligible for both Physical and Economic Injury Disaster Loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration (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**.

The SBA has opened a Portable Loan Outreach Center (PLOC) at the following location:

South Delta High School

303 Parkway St.

Rolling Fork, MS 39159

The hours are Monday to Sunday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Applicants may also 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** or call **800-659-2955**.

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
• Bolivar	9 homes
• Carroll	24 homes
• Humphreys	49 homes
• Itawamba	1 home
• Lafayette	2 homes
• Lee	10 homes
• Monroe	1,476 homes
• Montgomery	49 homes
• Grenada	1 home
• Prentiss	1 home
• Panola	31 homes
• Sharkey	255 homes
• Pontotoc	1 home

MEMA encourages residents to report their damage using [MEMA's Self-Report Tool](#).

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Community Services:

- **Hot Showers and Restrooms** are open daily from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Drop-off **Laundry Services** are available (Drop off between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to pick up the next day) at the following locations:
 - South Delta High School, located at 303 Parkway Street in Rolling Fork
 - The Train Track on Martin Luther King Street in Rolling Fork
 - Deer Creek Baptist Church on 4th and Joor Avenue in Rolling Fork

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 4th 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 4th Street, Rolling Fork,

MS. Free Tetanus Vaccinations Available in Counties Affected by Weekend Tornadoes:

Locations:

- Monroe County Health Department, 1300 HWY 125 S, Amory, MS
- Sharkey-Issaquena County Health Department, 297 Race St., Rolling Fork, MS
These sites will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. until April 3rd.

Atmos Energy crews continue to survey and assess the natural gas system in the Rolling Fork area. Natural gas service is currently shut off to the affected areas of Rolling Fork. Atmos Energy will notify residents once it becomes safe to restore services.

ESF #6 Mass Care and Human Services

The **Mississippi Department of Employment Security** (MDES) If you are out of work because of the recent tornadoes, you may be eligible for Unemployment Insurance (UI) Assistance. MDES services are available in person, online, or by telephone.

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In-person at any WIN Job Center: <https://mdes.ms.gov/win-job-centers/>

In-person at Humphreys County Courthouse located at 148 South Castleman Street, Belzoni, MS, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

In-person at Sharkey Issaquena Academy located at 272 Academy Drive in Rolling Fork, MS, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. <https://bit.ly/3KeNObW>

Online at <https://mdes.ms.gov/> Or by telephone at 601-493-9428.

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)

- Schools are closed until further notice.
- Surrounding districts are contacting the South Delta School District superintendent, offering to receive the South Delta students for continued instruction.

Amory School District (Monroe County)

- District has been in contact with MDE while considering virtual learning options if roads are not cleared once power is back.
- Schools closed at least through 3/31/23.

Winona-Montgomery Consolidated School District (Montgomery County)

- Buildings: No damage to schools.
- Schools will resume classes today, 3/30/23

Other

- All school districts have 10 weather days they do not need to make up.
- The Governor's declared State of Emergency allows staff displaced from school buildings to continue to be paid.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients who have lost food due to **THIS** disaster have until **Monday, April 24, 2023**, to request replacement benefits. **Residents** must request a replacement at their local Mississippi Department of Human Services (MDHS). Households can also submit the replacement request using mail, email, or the upload feature on the MDHS website. (www.mdhs.ms.gov). For assistance completing the SNAP replacement application, residents can



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contact the Economic Assistance Center at 800-948-3050.

The Mississippi Division of Medicaid has enacted its state of emergency to allow patients impacted by the storm to receive early refills and additional prescriptions above the monthly limit. Pharmacy providers should follow the billing guidelines found at this link: <https://medicaid.ms.gov/disaster-billing-directions/>

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.

Donations: Donors 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
Mississippi Fairgrounds (Last day in operation)	1207 Mississippi Street Jackson, MS 39202	MHP Troop C 601-420-6342	9:00a-3:00p
MHP Patrol Troop K (Last day in operation)	16741 Highway 67, Biloxi, MS	228-534-8619	9a-3p (March 28 -March 30)
MHP Patrol Troop F (Last day in operation)	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	8:00a - 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



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Needed Items:

- Non-perishable food
- Can openers
- 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](#).

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