



State Emergency Operations Center

Joint Information Center

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March 24, 2023, Severe Weather Update #11

Pearl – The State of Mississippi, local officials, hundreds of volunteers, faith-based organizations, and private sector partners continue to respond to the deadly tornadoes that swept through the state on March 24, 2023. As the response continues, MEMA’s top goals are debris removal, utility restoration (power, gas, water, sewer), and assessing non-congregate housing solutions for those displaced.

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR APPLICANTS: FEMA may refer applicants to apply for assistance through the SBA. We ask applicants to continue the application process. Applicants may be eligible for additional benefits through FEMA by applying for an SBA Loan.

MEMA in conjunction with the American Red Cross and FEMA, will be participating in a series of Townhall Meetings next week. They will provide residents recovering from the March 24th Severe Weather outbreak with up to date information on federal recovery resources. These are the locations dates and times:

Rolling Fork

Tuesday, April 11th (5:30 p.m.)
South Delta Elementary School
138 Weathers Avenue
Rolling Fork, MS 39159

Silver City

Wednesday, April 12th (5:30 p.m.)
Neighborhood Facility Building
501 North Hayden Street
Belzoni, MS 39038

Winona

Thursday, April 13th (5:30 p.m.)
Zion District Association Building
213 Justy Street
Winona, MS 38967

The Mississippi Insurance Department encourages anyone with complaints about their insurance company to call their Consumer Services Line at 1-800-562-2957.

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These centers will be closed Sunday, April 9, 2023.

Residents in Carroll, Humphreys, Monroe, Montgomery, Panola, and Sharkey can now register for FEMA Individual Assistance by going online to disasterassistance.gov or calling 800-621-FEMA (3362) or visiting a Disaster Recovery Center

Carroll County

J.Z. George High School
900 George St.
North Carrollton, MS 38947

Monroe County

Justice Court Building
1619 Highway 25
Amory, MS 38821

Humphreys County

Humphreys County Library
105 Hayden St.
Belzoni, MS 39038

Sharkey County

Heritage Manor
431 West Race St.
Rolling Fork, MS 39159

Center hours are 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. Monday – Saturday.

The **Mississippi Department of Education** has been working with the seven school districts impacted by the March 24 tornado. These include Amory, Carroll County, Humphreys County, Monroe County, New Albany, South Delta and Winona-Montgomery. All districts except for South Delta and Amory have resumed school.

- **Amory** is expected to resume school on April 11.
- **South Delta's** reopening date has not yet been determined. The district is awaiting actions from external providers including a structural engineer, roofers and cleaning services before it can set a reopening date.

Displaced Students

Under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, children and youth displaced by natural disasters meet the definition of homeless and are, therefore, eligible for McKinney-Vento services. Districts are required to receive evacuated students due to the recent tornado:

- District shall immediately enroll these students as homeless, regardless of access to birth certificates, vaccination records and other documents.
- Districts shall complete the same homeless documentation that would be required for a student who is homeless. As part of this documentation, it should be noted that the child has evacuated due to the tornadoes.

If you have questions about how to effectively identify, enroll or serve students who are homeless due to the tornadoes, please contact the Mississippi Department of Education's State Homeless Coordinator, Mr. LaDewayne Harris at laharris@mdek12.org.

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The American Red Cross will be providing community lunch this Sunday, April 9, 2023. **These are the updated locations:**

Rolling Fork (1 p.m. to 4 p.m.)

South Delta Middle School
86 Middle School Road
Anguilla, MS

Greenville (1 p.m. to 3 p.m.)

Days Inn, Express Way Inn
2500 Highway 82E
Greenville, MS

Yazoo City (1 p.m. to 4 p.m.)

Hampton Inn
2162 Grand Avenue
Yazoo City, MS

Amory (2 p.m. to 4 p.m.)

Old Amory
101 South 9th Street
Amory, MS

Silver City (1 p.m. to 4 p.m.)

Silver City Post Office
63 West Street
Silver City, MS

Sharkey County officials have announced the Community Distribution site at the Sharkey-Issaquena Academy (272 Academy Drive Rolling Fork, MS) has reached capacity for donated items. They are asking people to hold off on donating goods until a new location can be announced. This will not affect the distribution of donated goods. Those in need can still visit the Community Distribution Site to receive non-perishable food, household supplies, personal hygiene items, water, ice, and a hot meal. Volunteers are still needed to operate this site. If you wish to volunteer, visit VolunteerMississippi.org for more information.

ESF #6 Mass Care and Human Services

The **Mississippi Department of Employment Security** has opened a new temporary service location for Carrollton, MS (announced via social media on Thursday, April 6, 2023): In person at J. Z. George Gym 900 George Street, in North Carrollton, MS, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

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Donation Information and Needs:

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
Old Amory Garment	902 Main Street South Amory, MS	United Way 662-231-3959	Tues-Sat 10a-6p Closed Sun and Mon 4/9-10
Amory Regional Museum	801 3rd Street South Amory, MS	Untied Way 662-231-3959	Tues-Sat 10a-6p Closed Sun and Mon 4/9-10
North Carrollton City Hall (**Preferred location for donations delivery)	114 East Main Street North Carrollton, MS 38947	Lynedra Williams 662-237-9268	By Appointment
Old Vaiden High School Gym	504 Mulberry St. Vaiden, MS 391765	Mayor Stella Bell 662-897-0511	By appointment
Old K & M Grocery	Intersection of Miss. Hwy. 17 and Miss. Hwy. 430 Black Hawk, MS	Bobby Grantham 662-392-0209	By appointment
Carroll County EOC	20480 Miss. Hwy. 35 South McCarley, MS 38943	Ken Strachan (EMA Director) 662- 299-5495	By appointment

- Non-perishable food and drinks (especially caffeinated and sports drinks)
- Hygiene products
- Laundry Detergent
- Baby Items (formula/diapers)
- Paper Products

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