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March 24, 2023 Severe Weather Update #6

Pearl – The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency continues to assess the damage 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 or calling 800-621-FEMA (3362), disaster number DR-4697.

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**. **The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is opening a Portable Loan Outreach Center (PLOC) in Sharkey County today.**

The location is:

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.

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| County | Residential Homes |
|--------------|-------------------|
| • Bolivar | 9 homes |
| • Carroll | 24 homes |
| • Humphreys | 55 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 |

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

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.

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.

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- 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.

Community Services:

- **South Delta High School 303 Parkway Street, Rolling Fork, MS**, has **hot showers and restrooms** open 7am-7pm.
- Drop off **Laundry Services** are available at South Delta High School. Drop off between 9am- 1pm, and pick up the next day.

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:

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.

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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 3rd.

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.

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.

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

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 our website 24/7: <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)

- A cafeteria staff member is among the fatalities reported in the storm.
- Schools closed until further notice.
- Surrounding districts are contacting the South Delta School District superintendent offering to receive the South Delta students for continued instruction.

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Amory School District (Monroe County)

- No student or staff fatalities.
- 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.

Carroll County School District

- 1 teacher fatality and 1 student fatality.
- Buildings: No damage to schools.
- Power: Restoration timeline is unknown.
- Schools resumed classes on 3/28/23.

Winona-Montgomery Consolidated School District (Montgomery County)

- No student or staff fatalities.
- Buildings: No damage to schools.
- Schools will resume classes on 3/30/23

New Albany School District (Union County)

- No student or staff fatalities.
- Buildings: Minimal damage to sportsplex;
- Schools are open.

Humphreys County School District

- 1 teacher fatality.
- Buildings: No damage to schools.
- Schools are open.

Other

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

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- 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: 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 | Mike Marshall 601-218-8627 | 8:00a -4:30p |
| Mississippi Fairgrounds | 1207 Mississippi Street Jackson, MS 39202 | MHP Troop C 601-420-6342 | 9:00a-3:00p |
| 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 | 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](#).

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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