



## Iowa Severe Weather May 23, 2024

### Office of the Governor

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Governor Kim Reynolds  
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Press release on Tuesday May 21, 2024:

Governor Kim Reynolds issued the following statement regarding the impact of severe weather in Iowa:

*“Kevin’s and my prayers are with all the communities and families impacted by today’s severe weather, and especially those who tragically lost their lives in the Greenfield area. I am committed to providing the full resources of the state to support the response and recovery effort.*

*State and local officials are on the ground, assessing the situation and setting up temporary shelters for those whose homes were damaged or destroyed. First responders and health care providers are onsite caring for the injured. Utility crews are working to restore service to thousands without power, and the State Emergency Operations Center continues to coordinate missions to support local responders. While it’s too soon to know the storm’s full impact, answers will come in the hours and days ahead.*

*It was just a few weeks ago that tornadoes hit several other Iowa communities, and it’s hard to believe that it’s happened again. Iowans are strong and resilient, and we will get through this together.*

*I plan to visit Greenfield in the morning to assess the damage with local officials and start the recovery process.”*

## Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency

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*“Governor Kim Reynolds authorized a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency for 15 counties in response to severe weather that occurred on May 21. The governor's proclamation allows state resources to be utilized to respond to and recover from the effects of the severe weather and activates the Iowa Individual Assistance Grant Program and Disaster Case Advocacy Program for the following counties: Adair, Adams, Cass, Clay, Hardin, Harrison, Jasper, Kossuth, Marshall, Montgomery, Page, Palo Alto, Pottawattamie, Tama, and Warren Counties.*

*The Iowa Individual Assistance Grant Program provides grants of up to \$5,000 for households with incomes up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level. Grants are available for home or car repairs, replacement of clothing or food, and temporary housing expenses. Original receipts are required for those seeking reimbursement for actual expenses related to storm recovery. The grant application and instructions are available on the Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management website [Individual Disaster Assistance Programs | Homeland Security and Emergency Management \(iowa.gov\)](#). Potential applicants have 45 days from the date of the proclamation to submit a claim.*

*The Disaster Case Advocacy Program addresses serious needs related to disaster-related hardship, injury, or adverse conditions. Disaster case advocates work with clients to create a disaster recovery plan and provide guidance, advice, and referrals to obtain a service or resource. There are no income eligibility requirements for this program; it closes 180 days from the date of the governor's proclamation. For information on the Disaster Case Advocacy Program, contact your local community action agency or visit [Find a Your County Agency - Iowa Community Action Association](#).*

*The proclamation also temporarily suspends regulatory provisions of the Iowa Code that pertain to procurement of goods and services, hours of service for disaster repair crews, and various requirements for the transportation of loads related to disaster repairs.”*

## **American Red Cross**

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### **Omaha-Council Bluffs & SW Iowa Chapter (Regional Headquarters)**

*Serving Adair, Adams, Cass, Harrison, Montgomery, Page and Pottawattamie Counties*

2912 S 80<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Omaha, NE 68124

(402) 343-7700

[Omaha-Council Bluffs & SW Iowa Chapter | Nebraska Region | Red Cross](#)

### **Northwest Iowa & Northeast Nebraska**

*Serving Clay and Palo Alto Counties*

401 Douglas Street

Suite 101

Sioux City, IA 51101

(712) 252-4081

[Northwest Iowa & Northeast Nebraska | Iowa Region | American Red Cross](#)

### **Northern and Central Iowa Chapter**

*Serving Hardin, Jasper, Kossuth, Marshall, Tama and Warren Counties*

2116 Grand Ave

Des Moines, IA 50312

(515) 243-7681

[Northern and Central Iowa Chapter | Iowa Region | American Red Cross](#)

For the most up to date map of open shelters, please visit: [Disaster Shelters | Find Shelters | American Red Cross](#)

### **Open Shelters:**

Nodaway Valley Community High School

410 NW 2<sup>nd</sup> Street

Greenfield, IA 50849

## **Department of Transportation**

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Iowa Department of Transportation

800 Lincoln Way

Ames, IA 50010

(515) 239-1101

[Iowa Department of Transportation \(iowadot.gov\)](http://iowadot.gov)

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## **United Way/211 Information and Referrals Lines**

These information and referral lines may know of additional resources currently providing assistance, such as food pantries, clothing closets, emergency shelters, and agencies offering financial assistance. Please dial 2-1-1 and provide your zip code and demographic information in order to receive referrals. Information can also be obtained at [Call 211 for Essential Community Services | United Way 211](#).

### **211 Iowa**

Dial 2-1-1 or 866-813-1731

[211 Iowa – Get Connected • Get Help](#)

## **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**

(800) 621-3362

[FEMA.gov](#)

Please visit the website and click on “*Disaster Declarations*”. If a disaster is declared, please call to apply for assistance by phone, or visit: [Individual Assistance | FEMA.gov](#) to apply online.

## **DisasterAssistance.gov**

[Home | disasterassistance.gov](#)

Offers information about local resources for disasters, including: FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs), Red Cross, food, shelter, state emergency management agencies, and hospital locators.

To determine if individual disaster assistance is available through FEMA, please visit the website and enter the address.

To locate your local state emergency management agency for disaster information and updates, please visit: [Search Your Location | FEMA.gov](#)

## **American Red Cross National**

(800) 733-2767

[American Red Cross | Help Those Affected by Disasters](#)

## **National Weather Service**

Weather alerts by state are available at: [Active Alerts \(weather.gov\)](#).

## **The Weather Channel**

Local forecasts and severe weather. Please call or visit the website to locate your local chapter and open shelters.

[National and Local Weather Radar, Daily Forecast, Hurricane and information from The Weather Channel and weather.com.](#)

## **Safe Travel USA**

[SafeTravelUSA](#)

## **National Traffic And Road Closure Information**

[National Traffic and Road Closure Information | Federal Highway Administration \(dot.gov\)](#)

## **Free Help Line**

Optum, a leading health and behavioral health services company, is offering a free emotional-support help line.

The toll-free number, 866-447-3573, will be open Monday-Friday, 8am-8pm CST. The service is free of charge and open to anyone. Specially trained Optum mental health specialists help people manage their stress and anxiety so they can continue to address their everyday needs. Callers may also receive referrals to community resources to help them with specific concerns, including financial and legal matters.

Along with the toll-free help line, emotional-support resources and information are available online at <https://www.liveandworkwell.com>.