

Mississippi Severe Tornado March 27th, 2023

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Governor Reeves Issues State of Emergency Following Severe Storms

JACKSON, Miss. – Governor Tate Reeves today issued a State of Emergency in all counties affected by the severe storms which occurred across Mississippi on March 24, 2023. The State of Emergency comes less than 24 hours after severe weather, which included tornadoes, tragically took the lives of at least 23 Mississippians and left dozens more injured, and caused extensive damage to communities across Mississippi.

"I'm devastated by the destruction and loss of life that these storms have caused," said Governor Tate Reeves. "The state of Mississippi will continue doing everything we can to marshal every resource available to support our fellow Mississippians who are in need. The state will be there to help them rebuild. We're not going anywhere and we're in it for the long haul. Please join me in praying for the family and friends of those who lost loved ones in this trying time."

Governor Reeves directed all state agencies to discharge their emergency responsibilities as deemed necessary and set forth in Mississippi's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.

Mississippi Emergency Management Agency

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Pearl, MS

(662) 873-5001

[Home - MEMA \(msema.org\)](https://www.msema.org)

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Posted on March 26, 2023 Twitter on:

There's now a "Moderate" risk for severe weather in central and parts of south Mississippi this afternoon into the evening hours.

☛ Damaging winds and tornadoes, some potentially strong, are possible.

📱 Have MULTIPLE ways to receive weather alerts. Do not rely outdoor sirens.

Supplies are available at Sharkey Issaquena Academy at 272 Academy Drive, Rolling Fork. Water, food, cleaning products, clothes and more available for pickup

Southwest Mississippi American Red Cross

9 River Bend Place
Flowood, MS 39232
(601) 353-5442

[Southwest Mississippi | American Red Cross](#)

[American Red Cross of Southwest Mississippi Gala | Facebook](#)

Open Shelters: To see current available shelters please see the following link
[Disaster Shelters | Find Shelters | American Red Cross](#)

Please see the following location below for available shelters:
Old National Guard Armory
101 South 9th Street
Amory, MS 38821

Mississippi Department of Transportation

3769 Highway 468 W
Pearl, MS 39208
(601) 354-6175

[MDOT Home Page \(ms.gov\)](#)

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For travel conditions and road closures, please visit <https://www.511la.org>

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 <https://www.211.org>.

2-1-1 Mississippi
Call 211 or (866) 472-8265
[Home \(myresourcedirectory.com\)](#)

NATIONAL RESOURCES:

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA)

500 C Street SW
Washington, DC 20472
(800) 621-3362

<http://www.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 <http://www.fema.gov/apply-assistance> to apply online.

DISASTERASSISTANCE.GOV

<https://www.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 <http://www.fema.gov/emergency-management-agencies>

AMERICAN RED CROSS NATIONAL

National Headquarters
2025 East Street, NW
Washington, DC 20006
(202) 303-4498 or (800) 733-2767

<http://www.redcross.org>

Please call or visit the website to locate your local chapter and open shelters.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

Weather alerts by state are available at <http://www.weather.gov/alerts>.

THE WEATHER CHANNEL

Local forecasts and severe weather alerts, available at <http://www.weather.com>.

NATIONAL TRAFFIC AND ROAD CLOSURE INFORMATION

<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/trafficinfo>

SAFE TRAVEL USA

<http://www.safetravelusa.com>

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>.