

**Iowa Flooding
March 15, 2019**

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Statement from the Office of the Governor:

DES MOINES – Gov. Kim Reynolds issued a disaster proclamation today for the State of Iowa in response to flooding and severe weather beginning March 13th and continuing. Earlier today, she activated Iowa's State Emergency Operations Center to coordinate the response to Iowa's flooding.

The Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEMD) along with several state and federal agencies, is monitoring rapidly-evolving conditions at locations throughout the state.

The governor's proclamation allows state resources to be utilized to respond to and recover from the effects of this severe weather across the entire state and activates the Iowa Individual Assistance Grant Program for qualifying residents, along with the Disaster Case Management Program for these 21 counties: Butler, Cerro Gordo, Clayton, Hancock, Harrison, Humboldt, Ida, Iowa, Kossuth, Mills, Monona, Montgomery, O'Brien, Pottawattamie, Sioux, Webster, Winnebago, Winneshiek, Woodbury, Worth, and Wright.

The Individual Assistance Grant Program provides grants of up to \$5,000 for households with incomes up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level or a maximum annual income of \$41,560 for a family of three. 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 Human Services website. Potential applicants have 45 days from the date of the proclamation to submit a claim (April 29, 2019).

{For more information, visit: https://dhs.iowa.gov/disaster-assistance-programs?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery}

Disaster Case Management is a program to address serious needs to overcome a disaster-related hardship, injury or adverse condition. Disaster case managers work with clients to create a disaster recovery plan and provide guidance, advice and referral

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 Management Program, contact your local community action association or visit www.iowacomunityaction.org

Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEMD)

7900 Hickman Road
Suite 500
Windsor Heights, IA 50324
Phone: (515) 725-3231
<https://www.homelandsecurity.iowa.gov>

HSEMD does not currently have flooding-related information posted on their website. Please visit the website above for updates, or contact your local county.

For information on local county contacts, visit:
https://www.homelandsecurity.iowa.gov/documents/county/COORD_Public_List.pdf

American Red Cross Serving Greater Iowa

2116 Grand Ave.
Des Moines, Iowa 50312
(515) 243-7681
<https://www.redcross.org/local/iowa.html>
<https://www.facebook.com/AmericanRedCrossIowa>
https://twitter.com/GreaterIA_ARC

Open Shelters: There are currently 5 open shelters.

Harrison County- Rand Community Center
100 S. 4th Street
Missouri Valley, IA 51555

Kossuth County- Bishop Garrison High School
1224 N. McCoy St.
Algona, IA 50511

Pottawattamie County- Salem Methodist Church
14955 Somerset Ave.
Council Bluffs, IA 51503

Sioux County-Faith Reformed Church
1305 7th St.
Rock Valley, IA 51247

Woodbury County- Westwood High School
1000 Rebel Way
Sloan, IA 51055

Iowa Department of Transportation

800 Lincoln Way
Ames, IA 50010
515-239-1101

<https://iowadot.gov/#/services>

<https://www.facebook.com/iowa511>

<https://twitter.com/statewideia511>

For information on highway closures, visit: <http://511ia.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 call and provide your zip code and demographic information in order to receive referrals.

Iowa/Nebraska 2-1-1

<http://211iowa.org>

From all local numbers, dial 2-1-1.

Local county numbers are available for callers using an out-of-area number.

United Way of East Central Iowa: (866) 469-2211

Serving: Butler, Cerro Gordo, Hancock, Iowa, Kossuth, Winnebago, Worth, Wright.

United Way of Midlands: (866) 813-1731

Serving: Harrison, Mills, Monona, Montgomery, Pottawattamie.

Iowa State University Extension & Outreach: (800) 304-0334

Serving: Humboldt, Ida, O'Brien, Sioux, Webster, Woodbury.

Great Rivers 2-1-1: (800) 362-8253

Serving: Clayton, Winneshiek

Resource assistance is also available from the website at: <http://www.211.org>

You may also text your zip code to 898211 to receive information on local resources.

NATIONAL RESOURCES:

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA)

500 C Street SW

Washington, DC 20472

(800) 621-3362

<http://www.fema.gov>

<https://www.facebook.com/FEMA>

<https://twitter.com/fema>

Please visit the website and click on “*Disaster Declarations*”. If a disaster is declared, please call to apply for assistance by phone, or visit: <https://www.disasterassistance.gov> 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.

AMERICAN RED CROSS SAFE AND WELL LIST

<https://safeandwell.communityos.org/cms/index.php>

Residents affected can notify their friends and family that they are safe by visiting the website and selecting “*List Myself as Safe and Well*.” Individuals can also search for loved ones by selecting “*Search Registrants*.”

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>

Nebraska Flooding
March 14, 2019

Governor John Peter Ricketts

P.O. Box 94848

Lincoln, NE 68509-4848

(402) 471-2244

<https://governor.nebraska.gov>

March 14, 2019 Governor Pete Ricketts and state agencies provided an update on the significant weather events and flooding that are impacting the State of Nebraska.

“Snow and rain continue to have a significant impact on our state, and many communities are already experiencing flooding,” said Governor Ricketts. “Nebraskans should watch the weather and waterways in their communities closely in the coming days, and be prepared for historic levels of flooding even if it has not hit their community yet. As Nebraskans know, conditions can change quickly, and everyone needs to be prepared.”

Following an emergency declaration on Tuesday evening, the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) has opened the State Emergency Operation Center (SEOC) in response to the weather-related hazardous conditions currently affecting the state.

NEMA officials and partner agencies are monitoring conditions, fielding calls from citizens and community partners, and providing information and resources to keep citizens safe.

The emergency declaration will allow NEMA and other state agencies to address potential impacts from the severe winter storm affecting the Panhandle area, as well as flooding across other areas of the state.

Weather: The Panhandle and North Central Nebraska are under a blizzard warning. Wind gusts up to 89 mph have been measured by the National Weather Service. Rain in the eastern part of the state and snow and ice melt are contributing to potentially historic flooding.

Community Shelters: Shelters are opening as needed. Currently, shelters are available in Broken Bow and Avoca. People who need shelter in these communities should contact their local emergency management official. A directory can be found at <https://nema.nebraska.gov/overview/county-emergency-management-directorscoordinators>

Nebraska National Guard: The Nebraska National Guard has opened the Broken Bow Armory for any evacuated citizens, and other armories in the state are available if needed. The Guard has a helicopter on standby for a potential ice dusting mission later this week. As a reminder, all requests for National Guard support must come through NEMA.

Nebraska State Patrol: As a reminder, the Nebraska State Patrol Highway Helpline is available 24 hours per day for motorists in need of assistance. Drivers can reach NSP by dialing *55 from any cell phone. Call 911 for any emergency.

Nebraska Emergency Management Agency

2433 N.W. 24th Street
Lincoln, NE 68524-1801
(402) 471-7421

<https://nema.nebraska.gov>

The Nebraska Emergency Management Agency Public Assistance Unit works with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to provide assistance in the wake of disaster. Federal assistance may be granted when the situation is clearly beyond the capability of both the local and state governments. Federal assistance determination is based on a number of factors which include: population (tax base), impact on jurisdictions and recent disaster history.

The Public Assistance Program is available to assist with reimbursement of repairs to damaged eligible facilities to include: roads, bridges, water control facilities, buildings, equipment, utilities, parks and recreational facilities. It is also available to assist with reimbursement of emergency functions such as debris removal and emergency protective actions. This program is made available to eligible applicants including: local governments, state government, certain non-profit organizations, schools, and Native American tribal governments that are located in a designed damage area. The federal cost share for this program will not be less than 75% of eligible expenses for emergency measures and permanent restoration.

Check FEMA's flood map service center for your area to see the flood risk for your community at <https://msc.fema.gov/portal/home>

Nebraska Department of Transportation

1500 Nebraska 2, Lincoln, NE 68502
(402) 471-4567

<https://dot.nebraska.gov>

<http://511.nebraska.gov>

Highway Closures:

NE 2

Between East Rolla Avenue and West Sommer Avenue (1 mile east of Anselmo). Look out for flooding.

Between NE 71; County Road 82 (11 miles west of Hemingford) and US 385 (8 miles west of Alliance). The route is impassable. Travel is not advised.

Between US 385; County Road 65 (Alliance) and Abbott Road (12 miles west of Hyannis). The route is impassable. Travel is not advised.

Between NE 61 and Mason Avenue (Hyannis). The roadway is completely covered with mixed snow ice or slush. Travel is not advised.

Between Putnam Street (2 miles west of Litchfield) and NE 11 (Cairo). The route is impassable. Expect blowing snow.

NE 2B Spur

Between US 20 and Franklin Street (Brunswick). The route is impassable.

NE 4A Spur

Between NE 71 and Court Street (Harrisburg). The route is impassable. Travel is not advised.

US 6

Between NE 47; Patterson Street (Cambridge) and A Road (10 miles west of Atlanta). The roadway is completely covered with mixed snow ice or slush.

NE 7 Link both directions

Between NE 2 and NE 87; Dodge Road (Hemingford). The route is impassable. Travel is not advised.

NE 8A Spur

Between NE 12; County Road and the end of NE 8A Spur (Naper). The roadway is completely covered with snow. Travel is not advised.

NE 9

Between NE 51 and NE 87A Spur (Pender). The route is impassable. Travel is not advised.

NE 10

Between East Elm Street (Pleasanton) and NE 2 (near Hazard). The route is impassable. Expect blowing snow.

Please visit <http://511.nebraska.gov> individual street closures.

Nebraska United Way

<https://www.unitedway.org/local/united-states/nebraska>

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American Red Cross

<http://www.redcross.org/find-your-local-chapter>

State website <https://www.redcross.org/local/nebraska.html>

Capital Area and Eastern Nebraska

220 Oakcreek Dr.

Lincoln, NE 68528

(402) 441-7997

Serves Butler, Cedar, Colfax, Cuming, Dixon, Gage, Johnson, Lancaster, Madison, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, Pierce, Platte, Polk, Richardson, Seward, Stanton, Wayne, and York counties

Central and Western Nebraska

404 E. 3rd Street

Grand Island, NE 68801

(308) 382-3790

Serves Adams, Antelope, Arthur, Banner, Blaine, Buffalo, Boone, Box Butte, Boyd, Brown, Chase, Cherry, Cheyenne, Clay, Custer, Dawes, Dawson, Deuel, Dundy, Fillmore, Franklin, Frontier, Furnas, Garden, Garfield, Grant, Greeley, Gosper, Hall, Hamilton, Harlan, Hayes, Hitchcock, Holt, Hooker, Howard, Jefferson, Kearney, Keith, Keya Paha, Kimball, Knox, Lincoln, Logan, Loup, McPherson, Merrick, Morrill, Nance, Nuckolls, Perkins, Phelps, Red Willow, Rock, Saline, Scotts Bluff, Sheridan, Sherman, Sioux, Thayer, Thomas, Valley, Webster, and Wheeler counties.

American Red Cross of the Omaha/Council Bluffs Metro

2912 S 80th Ave

Omaha, NE 68124

(402) 343-7700

Serves Burt, Cass, Dodge, Douglas, Sarpy, Saunders, Thurston and Washington in Nebraska; and Pottawattamie, Mills, and Harrison Counties in Western Iowa.

American Red Cross Open Shelters

Lutheran High Northeast

2010 N. 37th St.

NORFOLK, NE 68702

Village of North Loup Community Center

12 S B St.

North Loup, NE 68859

St. Edward Fire and Rescue

1302 Hwy 39

SAINT EDWARD, NE 68660

National Resources

Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration

Disaster Distress Helpline

(800) 985-5990

National mental health helpline that is available to those who have experienced a natural or human caused disaster. The helpline is available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. The counselors are able to provide support and referrals to local resources.

National Weather Service

Weather alerts by state are available at <http://www.weather.gov/alerts>. There are currently no active alerts for North Carolina.

The Weather Channel

Provides local forecasts and severe weather alerts, available at <http://www.weather.com>. Select “Weather News” and then click on “Severe Weather Alerts” to search for alerts by state. Information related to Hurricane Irma may be found at <https://weather.com/storms/hurricane-central>.

American Red Cross Safe and Well List

<https://safeandwell.communityos.org/cms/index.php>

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Optum Help Line

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

The toll-free number, 866-342-6892, will be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for as long as necessary. 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>

