

# FEMA Update on Hurricane Delta Preparations

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WASHINGTON -- FEMA is leaning forward with our federal, state, local and tribal partners to mobilize teams and supplies to support a locally executed, state managed response to impacts from Hurricane Delta. President Trump approved Emergency Declarations for [Louisiana](#) and [Mississippi](#), and a request from Alabama is under review. The declarations authorize FEMA to provide emergency protective measures to the designated counties and parishes.

## Commodities

FEMA has pre-staged over 5 million meals, more than 4.5 million liters of bottled water and over 270 generators near the expected areas of Hurricane Delta impacts. Additionally, FEMA has provided the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 52 generators for their use and/or distribution. Additional staged commodities, including blankets, tarps, blue roof sheeting and cots are available to each affected state, based on need and requests to FEMA. Transportation teams are also standing by at staging locations to move commodities to distribution points to fulfill state requests.

## Personnel

As of today, 451 FEMA responders have been deployed in support of Hurricane Delta, including Incident Management Assistance Teams. Mobile Emergency Operations Vehicles are standing by to provide emergency communication capabilities for federal resources, if needed.

Six Urban Search and Rescue Teams and an Incident Support Team have deployed to the area ahead of the storm, with three additional teams on alert. Louisiana and Mississippi National Guards are activated. One U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Rapid Response Team, one Incident Management Team and two Disaster Medical Assistance Teams are on standby in Dallas.



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Additional personnel from the federal government, including the Department of Defense, Department of Transportation, Health and Human Services, Department of Energy, DHS Cybersecurity Infrastructure and Security Agency and Army Corps of Engineers have been mission assigned to provide support to impacted states and tribes, as needed.

## **Gulf Residents**

Hurricane Delta is expected to move over the northwestern Gulf of Mexico today, and move inland toward southwestern Louisiana this evening. A hurricane warning is in effect from High Island, Texas, to Morgan City, Louisiana. The storm is also forecast to bring life-threatening storm surge, extreme winds and flash flooding to areas well inland of landfall. Flash, urban and stream flooding is likely from the central Gulf into the lower to middle Mississippi Valley into the weekend.

Mandatory and voluntary evacuation orders are in effect in Louisiana. State and local officials will have the most up-to-date information on evacuation orders and shelter locations. Residents in Louisiana should call 2-1-1 or their local parish officials or emergency management agency for evacuation, sheltering and resources for immediate needs.

The American Red Cross is prepared to shelter and support families. For assistance, call 3-1-1 or visit the [website](#). In Louisiana, one congregate shelter is open and two are on standby. Shelters are also on standby in Alabama and Mississippi to support evacuated residents.

FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program will cover and reimburse policy holders up to \$1,000 for certain actions taken to minimize damage to your home and belongings before a flood. Make sure to save your receipts for any of these expenses. Flood loss avoidance eligible expenses include:

- Sandbags.
- Water pumps.
- Building a temporary levee.
- Moving and storage expenses for personal belongings.
- Lumber and plastic sheeting.
- Labor costs for loss avoidance work.



## Responding During COVID-19

While some aspects of program delivery may look different this year, our commitment to helping people before, during and after disaster remains our full focus, and we are ready to deliver on our mission.

We will continue to work with our state, tribal and local partners as they plan for execution of evacuation and [sheltering operations in a COVID-19 environment](#). Finding shelter is critical in times of disaster. [Shelter outside of the hazard area](#) could include staying with family or friends, seeking a hotel room or staying in a mass shelter. FEMA, other federal agencies and the American Red Cross have [modified policies and planning](#) and have taken actions to ensure the federal government can respond to any disaster during our continued coronavirus response efforts.

In alignment with [FEMA's Pandemic Operational Guidance](#), FEMA is leveraging technology to deliver the agency's programs at the highest level possible, while preserving our workforce and survivors. These methods include virtual damage assessments and inspections for FEMA Individual Assistance and Public Assistance programs, as well as National Flood Insurance Program claims.

In advance of hurricane and wildfire season, FEMA expanded the capacity of its National Response Coordination Center, response centers around the country, and trained additional staff to be postured to respond to multiple on-going incidents.

