



State Emergency Operations Center  
(SEOC)

## IOWA FLOODING UPDATE

### March 20, 2019

The governor's statewide proclamation of disaster emergency activated the State of Iowa's disaster response and recovery capabilities and authorized the use of state resources to assist local government and citizens in all 99 counties. Additionally, the State Individual Assistance Program has been activated for the following 43 counties:

Adair, **Audubon**, Bremer, Buena Vista, Butler, Cerro Gordo, Cherokee, Clay, Clayton, Crawford, Dallas, Delaware, Dickinson, Emmet, Fayette, Franklin, Fremont, Guthrie, Hancock, Hardin, Harrison, Humboldt, Ida, Iowa, Kossuth, **Marshall**, Mills, Monona, Montgomery, O'Brien, Palo Alto, Page, Plymouth, Pottawattamie, Shelby, Sioux, Tama, Webster, Winnebago, Winneshiek, Woodbury, Worth, and Wright  
(Counties underlined and bolded have been added to the proclamation as of today's date.)

For further information on the disaster information and assistance, go to:  
<https://www.iowa.gov/disaster-recovery-resources>

Individuals interested in volunteering are encouraged to affiliate with local groups, however they may also indicate interest in being contacted as volunteer opportunities arise by registering at:  
<https://volunteeriowa.org/disaster-volunteers>

Organizations in need of volunteers can post needs for volunteers here:  
<http://volunteeriowa.galaxydigital.com/volunteer-connector-organizations>

Has the flooding damage left you or someone you know overwhelmed and unsure how to move forward?  
Our Iowa Concern Hotline can help. Call anytime. [1-800-447-1985](tel:1-800-447-1985)

<b>STATE ACTIONS</b>	
<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>RESOURCE</b>
Homeland Security & Emergency Management (HSEMD)	State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) coordination; resource coordination; damage assessment; liaisons to counties
Governor's Office (IGOV)	Proclamation approvals; public information; touring damaged areas
Department of Human Services (IDHS)	Monitoring for State Individual Assistance program activation
Department of Transportation (IDOT)	Resource transport including sand, sandbags, and generators
Department of Public Safety (IDPS)	Assisting local law enforcement with road closures/detours and security, provided aerial photography over impacted areas. Coordination and transport of Governor to affected communities
Department of Natural Resources (IDNR)	Boats for evacuations; working with communities on drinking water issues; debris management instruction; hydrology
Iowa National Guard (IANG)	Coordinating with HSEMD on mission support, staging area assistance



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#### FEDERAL ACTIONS

AGENCY	RESOURCE
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Omaha District	Provided sand, sandbags and pumps. SEOC staffing support. Provide coordination with Rock Island District
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Rock Island District	Sandbags, technical assistance

#### NON-GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES

American Red Cross	Shelter Support, staging of clean up kits
Salvation Army	Mobile Kitchen in Woodbury County

#### PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNERS

Fareway	Provided 3 trailers of water
HyVee	2 trailers of water to Mills County
Target	19 pallets of water to be used where needed
Walmart	9 pallets of water to Mills County

#### SHELTER SUMMARY

COUNTY	ADDRESS	STATUS
Fremont	Sidney United Faith Church and Community Center 1975 US 275, Sidney	Open
Harrison	Rand Center, 100 S 4 <sup>th</sup> St, Missouri Valley	Open
Page	Shenandoah Armory and Community Center 423 W. Thomas, Shenandoah	Open
Pottawattamie	Salem Methodist Church, 14955 Somerset, Council Bluffs, American Red Cross	Open

#### **EVACUATIONS**

No new evacuations

#### **PREPAREDNESS**

- Discuss with your family where you will go if you need to evacuate
- If there is time, pack essential items, including medications, insurance records and contact information, clothing, and if you have young children, pack essentials like diapers or formula – enough for at least three days
- If traveling, stay up-to-date with road closures at [www.511ia.org](http://www.511ia.org)
- If you are driving and see water over the road, do not try to drive through it.
- **TURN AROUND, DON'T DROWN**



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### **WEATHER SUMMARY**

- Next five days are dry and warming to normal to slightly above normal highs
- Temperature trends same to similar for upper Midwest (Minnesota and Wisconsin), significant snowpack still present in this area, anticipated to be four to ten inches of water
- Southwest Iowa impacts from flooding appear to be longer in duration as water looks to stay high with flows from the tributaries from west of Omaha feeding waterways

### **FUTURE CONCERNS**

- Flooding from southern Minnesota is expected to increase this weekend and into next week due to above normal temperatures and chance of rain (<1") both Saturday and Sunday. This is in addition to ongoing river flooding and ice jam flooding across the Minnesota
- Areas of focus are Little Sioux, Big Sioux and Missouri
  - Little Sioux River near Milford currently projected to rise/exceed record state by 2' on March 23
- Saylorville, Red Rock and Coralville Reservoirs are rising
  - Saylorville, Des Moines River, at 863.2' on 3/19 and rising. Forecast of 884.21' on March 29
  - Red Rock, Des Moines River, at 760' on 3/19 and rising. Forecast of 767.3' on March 30
  - Coralville, Iowa River, at 700.3' on 3/19 and rising. Forecast of 708.5' on 3/29