

## Iowa Flooding September 19, 2019

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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 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.

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.iowacommunityaction.org](http://www.iowacommunityaction.org).

This proclamation temporarily suspends the DOT's competitive bidding requirements for emergency construction, repairs, or improvements of roadways or bridges in order to restore safe and adequate transportation to the disaster-impacted counties. Under this proclamation the cost of the necessary work must exceed \$1 million.

Iowa residents of counties impacted by the recent severe weather are asked to [report damage](#) to help local and state officials better understand the damage sustained.

Damage to property, roads, utilities and other storm-related information may be reported. This information will be collected by the Iowa Department of Homeland

Security and Emergency Management and shared with local emergency management agencies.

### **Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management**

7900 Hickman Road, Suite 500

Windsor Heights, Iowa 50324

(515) 725-3231

<https://www.homelandsecurity.iowa.gov>

<https://floods2019.iowa.gov>

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### **Governor extends existing proclamations for March flooding**

9/6/19--Gov. Kim Reynolds issued a proclamation extending existing proclamations of disaster emergency for flooding and severe weather that began in March.

This extension allows state resources to continue to be utilized to respond to and recover from the effects of the severe weather. It also suspends length-of-stay and fee requirements at Waubonsie State Park located in Fremont County. For more information, visit the DNR Disaster Assistance website or the Waubonsie State Park website.

### **All Iowa residents asked to report damage**

Residents of counties impacted by the recent severe weather are asked to **report damage** to help local and state officials better understand the damage sustained. Damage to property, roads, utilities and other storm-related information may be reported. This information will be collected by the Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and shared with local emergency management agencies as well as FEMA, and could lead to more counties being added to the current presidential disaster declaration.

### **Fremont County Emergency Management Agency**

2014 290<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Sidney, IA 51652

(712) 374-3355

<https://www.co.fremont.ia.us/fremontcoemergencymanagement.htm>

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

### **Harrison County Emergency Management Agency**

111 S 1<sup>st</sup> Ave.

Logan, IA 51546

(712) 644-2353

<http://harrisoncountyaia.org/emergency-management.html>

### **Mills County Emergency Management Agency**

418 Sharp St.

Glenwood, IA 51534

(712) 527-3643

<https://www.millscoia.us/index.php/depts/ema>

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

### **Pottawattamie County Emergency Management Agency**

205 S Main St.

Council Bluffs, IA 51501

(712) 328-5777

<https://pottcounty-ia.gov/departments/emergency-management/overview>

<https://sites.google.com/view/pottco2019flood/home>

### **The American Red Cross**

American Red Cross of the Omaha/Council Bluffs Metro

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

Omaha, NE 68124

<https://www.redcross.org/local/nebraska/about-us/locations/omaha-council-bluffs-metro-region-office.html>

Serves the following Iowa counties: Pottawattamie, Harrison, and Mills.

American Red Cross Serving Greater Iowa

2116 Grand Avenue

Des Moines, IA, 50312

515-243-7681

<https://www.redcross.org/local/iowa.html>

Serves Fremont County.

### **Open Shelters:**

No open shelters in Iowa at this time.

For updates on shelter availability, please visit: <http://www.redcross.org/get-help/disaster-relief-and-recovery-services/find-an-open-shelter>

## **Iowa Department of Transportation**

800 Lincoln Way

Ames, IA 50010

515-239-1101

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

<https://iowadot.gov/stayingconnected#twitter>

<https://iowadot.gov/stayingconnected#facebook>

<https://floods2019.iowa.gov/default.aspx>

Current road closures and conditions:

Call 5-1-1 or (800) 288-1047

<http://www.511ia.org>

Traveling in Iowa – 2019 Iowa Floods

<https://floods2019.iowa.gov/traveler.aspx>

Iowa DOT News Release:

### **I-29 near Honey Creek expected to close late Wednesday**

**Posted on: September 17, 2019**

AMES, Iowa – Sept. 17, 2019 – Due to rising water levels from western Iowa rivers, the Iowa Department of Transportation is anticipating that Interstate 29 will close due to water over the roadway near the Honey Creek area (milepost 66 north of Council Bluffs) sometime later in the day Wednesday, Sept. 18. We don't expect the flooding to significantly impact travelers on I-29 Wednesday morning, but we are closely monitoring the situation and may have to close I-29 before the afternoon commute.

With the changing river levels, this dynamic situation could change significantly in a short period of time. Travelers should pay close attention to [www.511ia.org](http://www.511ia.org) for updates and plan their afternoon and evening trips.

If I-29 does close traffic heading north will be detoured using eastbound I-80 to the northern segment of westbound I-680 and back to I-29 at Loveland. Southbound traffic will head eastbound on the northern section of I-680 and take I-80 westbound to reconnect with I-29 in Council Bluffs.

Relying on phone or in-vehicle navigation systems may not be reliable since closure changes happen rapidly and navigation systems can route traffic through areas not designed for larger vehicles or heavy traffic.

The best source of information on state and U.S. highways and interstate roadway closures during uncertain weather events is [www.511ia.org](http://www.511ia.org). You can stay connected with 511 on Facebook or Twitter (find links at <https://iowadot.gov/511/511-social-media-sites>); or download the free app to your mobile device. (Note: for information on county or local roads, please check the county 511 system at <https://www.iowacountyroads.org/connections#county-511-map> or contact your local county engineer's office as not all counties use the county 511 system.)

To receive email or text alerts about traffic incidents, road closures, traffic delays, and other restrictions that affect this highway route or other routes you travel, the Iowa DOT offers the "Your 511" option on [511ia.org](http://511ia.org). It's easy to subscribe to Your 511 and sign up to receive the email/text alerts. Visit <https://iowadot.gov/511/511-full-feature-website-help/how-to-videos> for simple, step-by-step instructions.

### **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.

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

From all other numbers for Fremont, Mills, Pottawattamie, and Harrison Counties, please call (866) 813-1731.

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

### **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

<https://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 <https://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**

<https://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, 866-342-6892, 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>