



State Emergency Operations Center  
(SEOC)

## IOWA FLOODING UPDATE

March 18, 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 41 counties:

Adair, 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, 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>

<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
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
Department of Public Safety (IDPS)	Assisting local law enforcement with road closures/detours, provided aerial photography over impacted areas. Coordination and transport of Governor to affected communities.
Iowa National Guard (IANG)	Coordinating with HSEMD on potential mission support, staging area assistance

<b>FEDERAL ACTIONS</b>	
<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>RESOURCE</b>
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.

<b>NON-GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES</b>	
American Red Cross	Shelter Support, staging of clean up kits, hydration station
Salvation Army	Mobile Kitchen in Woodbury County



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### PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNERS

Fareway	Provided 2-3 trailers of water
HyVee	Provided trailers of water to Hancock, Winnebago and Fremont Counties

### 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

- Fremont County - Hamburg
- Humboldt County – Humboldt (voluntary)
- Mills County - Pacific Junction (mandatory)

### 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 you are driving and see water over the road, do not try to drive through it.
- *TURN AROUND, DON'T DROWN*

### WEATHER SUMMARY

- Next seven 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 west of Omaha feeding the waterways

### FUTURE CONCERNS

- While Gavins Point has greatly decreased outflows, tributaries continue to inflow the Missouri River at record levels
- Ice jams causing flash flooding