



**Texas Division of Emergency Management
State Situation Report**

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Event Name	20-0013 August Tropical Weather
Date	October 20, 2020
Time	0800
Operational Period	October 19 to October 20, 2020
Report Number	58 (Final)

Regions Affected

DPS Regions Affected	2
DDCs Active	None

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION: On Monday October 19, all Texas non-congregate shelters closed as of 11:00 AM and evacuees departed back to Louisiana by bus or private vehicles. Both the Crowne Plaza Hotel and the Anatole Hotel were determined to have no evacuees within their facilities as of 5:00 PM. The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM), Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), and the American Red Cross (ARC) all concluded operations on site as of 6:00 PM.

On September 30, Governor Abbott sent a letter to President Donald Trump requesting a major disaster declaration for Ten Texas Counties to assist in recovery efforts following Hurricane Laura. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) previously granted the state's request for a Federal Emergency Declaration ahead of Hurricane Laura's landfall in Texas.

In his letter, the Governor specifically requested Individual Assistance for individuals and households, crisis counseling, disaster unemployment assistance, disaster case management, disaster legal services, and Small Business Administration (SBA) disaster assistance. The Governor also requested Public Assistance for Debris Removal (Category A), Emergency Protective Measures (Category B), Permanent Work (Categories C-G), and Direct Federal Assistance for the counties of Brazoria, Chambers, Galveston, Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, Newton, Orange, Sabine, and Shelby. The Governor also requested the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program statewide.

On September 22, Governor Abbott renewed the disaster declaration for Hurricane Laura.

On September 15, Governor Abbott announced that the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) has received federal approval to automatically provide replacement benefit's for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients for food lost or destroyed due to Hurricane Laura in eight of the impacted counties: Hardin, Jefferson, Newton,

Orange, Sabine, San Augustine, Shelby and Tyler. Those eight counties met federal criteria for mass replacements of benefits based on the severity of storm impacts in their area.

FEMA has approved the emergency declaration for the State of Texas (FEMA-3540-EM) for the counties of Anderson, Angelina, Aransas, Bexar, Bowie, Brazoria, Calhoun, Cameron, Camp, Cass, Chambers, Cherokee, Dallas, Ellis, Fort Bend, Franklin, Galveston, Gregg, Grimes, Hardin, Harris, Harrison, Houston, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Kenedy, Kleberg, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Marion, Matagorda, Montgomery, Morris, Nacogdoches, Newton, Nueces, Orange, Panola, Polk, Red River, Refugio, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, San Patricio, Shelby, Smith, Tarrant, Titus, Travis, Trinity, Tyler, Upshur, Victoria, Walker, Waller, Wharton, Willacy and Wood for reimbursement for eligible emergency protective measures (Category B), limited to direct Federal assistance and reimbursement for mass care including evacuation and shelter support.

OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:

1. Recovery
2. Sheltering and Mass Care
3. Accurate Damage assessments
4. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
5. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.

To view the summaries of disaster declarations, letters to the Governor or Disaster Summary Outlines go to: <https://tdem.texas.gov/disaster-summary-outline-2/>

RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS:

Texas Division of Emergency Management, Texas A&M University System (TDEM): The Daily Operations staff continues to process disaster declarations, letters to the Governor, Disaster Summary Outlines, State of Texas Assistance Requests (STARs), preparing Snapshots and the State SITREPs. The State Management Team (SMT) continues conducting operations in the alternate State Operations Center, working together with activated members of the State's Emergency Management Council.

TDEM Mass Care / Disaster Recovery Task Force: As of Monday morning, October 19, there were 910 (-58) evacuees in 2 non-congregate shelters throughout the State of Texas in 413 (-34) hotel rooms.

ARC Teams concluded their sheltering operations as of 6:00PM October 19.

All remaining donations were transported by box truck as the buses departed to be available for the evacuees in LA.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ): TCEQ staff continues to conduct weekly inspections on twelve authorized Temporary Debris Management Sites (TDMS) in Newton, Orange, Sabine, and Jasper Counties.

FINAL COMMENTS: The State Operations Center (SOC) remains at Level II (Escalated

Response Conditions) in support of COVID-19 operations. TDEM continues to monitor the situation and will provide additional situation reports as needed.

The four levels of SOC activation are:

- Level I (Emergency Conditions)
- Level II (Escalated Response Conditions)
- Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)
- Level IV (Normal Conditions)

This Situation Report can be found on the TDEM webpage at: <https://tdem.texas.gov/situation-reports/>

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