

HURRICANE DORIAN UPDATES



Hurricane Dorian

Today, Governor Ron DeSantis issued [Executive Order 19-190](#), declaring a state of emergency for all 67 counties. Hurricane Dorian is expected to continue to strengthen, with the latest track forecasting Dorian as a Category 4 major hurricane with winds at 130 mph off the east coast of Florida on Sunday and into Monday morning.

As Florida prepares for the impacts from Hurricane Dorian, FAC remains in close contact with the Governor's office and the state EOC to get the most up to date information on disaster preparation and recovery. We will be sending out regular updates and will be posting all updates on the [FAC Hurricane Preparedness Website](#).

Resources

[FAC Hurricane Information FloridaDisaster.org](#)
[GetAPlan.com](#)

State Emergency Assistance
Line: 1-800-342-3557

[Executive Order 19-189](#)
[Executive Order 19-190](#)

[FMCSA Regional Transportation Waiver](#)

[Emergency Bypass Memo](#)

[Emergency Road Use Permit Letter](#)

[FLHSMV Emergency Order](#)



UPDATE YOUR MOBILE NUMBER

Put Emergency Needs Request in NOW

Of specific request from FDEM, please put your request into WebEOC **NOW** for anything you may currently need or will need in the future as the storm approaches Florida. This could include generators, pumps, water, or any other additional equipment.

By doing so, you are not only preparing your county ahead of time, you are providing FDEM with the much needed extra time to meet your request. Please do not wait until the storm makes landfall to put in these request.

Expedited Projects Webinar

The SERT will host a webinar tomorrow to provide an overview of the Public Assistance (PA) program Expedited Projects process, Pre-obligation Quality Assurance (QA)/Quality Control (QC) expectations, and Public Assistance (PA) Grants Management.

Friday, August 30, 2019
4:00 PM EST

Call in number: 1-888-585-9008
Participant Number: 660063592

[Join the Webinar](#)

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State Preparedness Actions

Fuel

- Through Executive Order 19-189, Governor DeSantis waived hours of service and truck weights for fuel trucks. Additionally, the State of Florida is requesting surrounding states, such as Alabama and Georgia, waive requirements as well while trucks move throughout the Southeast in preparation of Hurricane Dorian.
- The State of Florida is working with industry partners to identify additional resources, including trucks, staff, etc. to distribute more fuel throughout the state.
- Florida officials are working with ports along the East Coast of Florida to monitor resources and assist with closures and re-openings.

Food and Water

- The State has 819,000 gallons of water and 1.8 million meals ready for distribution.

Transportation & Public Works

- The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is working with State and local officials to assess the current situation and needs.
- FDOT is monitoring the storm and holding teleconferences with the FDOT district offices.
- FDOT urges all motorists to use caution when driving during storm conditions.
- Florida's 511 Traveler Information System is one of the most effective ways drivers can keep informed about the state's roadways during severe weather.
- The Florida Department of Management Services (DMS) is preparing all state-owned buildings along the east coast for possible severe weather. Updates of state office closures will be updated on DMS' website as soon as more information is available [here](#).

Public Health & Medical

- The Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) has activated the Emergency Status System (ESS) for health care facilities statewide to enter their storm preparedness status including generators and utility company information, emergency contacts, and bed

availability: <http://f-generator.com/>

- The Department of Health (DOH) currently has no active boil water notices. However, it has two webpages that will be updated in real time as notices are issued.
 - Normal version: <http://www.floridahealth.gov/environmental-health/drinking-water/boil-water-notices/index.html>.
 - Low-bandwidth version: <http://www.floridahealth.gov/environmental-health/drinking-water/boil-water-notices/mobile.html>
- The Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD) has begun reaching out to group homes in the counties potentially impacted by the storm to ensure all the necessary steps have been taken to ensure the health and safety of APD customers.
- APD Waiver Support Coordinators will reach out to individuals in independent living to ensure proper safety measures are being taken.
- APD has updated its Recovery Toolkit at www.apdcares.org to provide the latest information about the hurricane, disaster preparations, and resources after the storm.

Business & Industry

- The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) continues to encourage businesses to visit www.FloridaDisaster.biz for disaster preparedness tips and register to receive updates as the storm progresses.
- DEO is extending the deadline for local governments to submit applications for the \$85 million [Rebuild Florida Infrastructure Repair Program](#).
- VISIT Florida has activated the Expedia/VISIT Florida Hotel Accommodation Web Portal to support evacuation orders.
- The Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) offers a Hurricane Guide with information about hurricane preparedness, what to do as a storm approaches, disaster recovery, and helpful hurricane-related resources. DBPR has shared the Guide on social media and it is available [here](#).

Education

- While no school closures have been reported at this time, the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) will be posting up-to-date information regarding closures at www.fdoe.org/hurricaneinfo.

Insurance

- DMS' Division of State Group Insurance, has arranged for early prescription renewals starting today for members of the state group insurance program.

Volunteer Efforts

- Individuals who are interested in volunteering after the storm are encouraged to visit www.volunteerflorida.org where they may register to become a volunteer and search for volunteer opportunities. Volunteers should affiliate with an organization before deploying. Volunteers should not self-deploy.

FHWA Emergency Relief (ER) Program

There is often a lot of confusion about the roles of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in providing recovery assistance.

FEMA assistance falls under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act. The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) does not receive, review, or process

FEMA disaster reimbursement requests for local roads. An example of items that would route through FEMA are debris removal for presidentially declared disasters or repair and reconstruction of highways, roads, and trails that are not on the Federal Aid Highway system (i.e. local roads, rural minor collectors.)

FHWA Emergency Relief (ER) Program, established by 23 USC 125. FDOT helps administer the FHWA ER Program, which funds eligible emergency and permanent repairs to damaged Federal Aid Highways. Please see below for additional information regarding FHWA Emergency Relief (ER) Program.

[Relief Program Overview](#)

[Program Q&A](#)

[Damage Inspection Report](#)

[Program Eligibility](#)

[Relief Training FAQ](#)

[Fillable Inspection Report](#)

Price Gouging

State Attorney General, Ashley Moody, has encouraged the downloading of a new app, NO SCAM, to report price gouging during a state of emergency in real-time.

State law defines price gouging as a “gross disparity” between the current price and the average for the previous 30 days, but gives no strict statistical definition of how much is too much. Essential commodities included under the price gouging statute include food, water, ice, chemicals, petroleum products and lumber to protect or fix properties.

The app enables the user to send pictures of prices, keep receipts, write a report, report prices on similar products in the same area, as well as send supporting information straight to the Attorney General’s Office.

NO SCAM is free, and you can download it to your [Apple](#) or [Android device](#) by searching NO SCAM in the app store or Google Play.

Rebuild Florida Infrastructure Repair Program

Due to Hurricane Dorian, the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) is extending the deadline for local governments to submit applications for the \$85 million [Rebuild Florida Infrastructure Repair Program](#). The original deadline of Friday, August 30, 2019, has been extended to **Thursday, October 31, 2019**. Additionally, local governments that have already submitted applications will be allowed to amend and resubmit their applications for funding.

Grant funding can be used by local governments to restore and improve infrastructure in areas damaged by Hurricane Irma or as match funding for other federal programs to carry out eligible, federal Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) infrastructure activity. Local governments may apply individually or as a regional group for grant funding for infrastructure projects that meet program requirements, including demonstrating Hurricane Irma impacts and primarily benefiting low- to moderate- income populations.

For more information about the program, visit the Rebuild Florida Infrastructure Repair Program’s [webpage](#). *Rebuild Florida*, a partnership of DEO and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, launched in September 2018 to use federal funding for Florida’s long-term disaster recovery efforts. For more information, visit [RebuildFlorida.gov](#).

State Emergency Operations Center / Contacts

- The State Emergency Operations Center has activated at a Level 2.
 - The State Assistance Information Line (SAIL) contact number: 1-800-342-3557.
 - The State Emergency Operations Center Media Line: 850-921-0217.
 - Follow @FLSERT and @GovRonDeSantis on Twitter for live updates on Hurricane Dorian.
 - Visit <http://www.floridadisaster.org/info> to find information on emergency preparedness, shelters, road closures and evacuation routes.
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