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Midland County Flooding Updates – June 5, 3 p.m.

New Phone Number for American Red Cross Long-Term Shelter Needs

Residents who are still displaced from their homes and have long-term sheltering needs should be advised that a new phone number is available to call for assistance.

The new phone number for the American Red Cross is 1-800-733-2767 (1-800-RED-CROS). Please select the following prompts:

- Please press “4” for a disaster related need;
- Then press “1” for assistance related to the spring flooding of 2020;
- Then press “1” again for assistance related to the spring flooding of 2020; and
- Press “3” if you are calling for the first time and do not have a case number

Update on Test Results from COVID-19 Mass Testing Site

From the Midland County Department of Public Health:

Due to factors out of our control, the laboratory results from the COVID-19 testing clinic held at Dow Diamond May 30 – 31 are not expected to be available until Monday, June 8 at the earliest. The Midland County Department of Public Health has been in contact with the testing lab daily and will do everything in its power to get the results out quickly.

Final Sunday Hours at Midland Landfill; City Flood Debris Collection Deadline

The Midland Sanitary Landfill will hold its final Sunday hours this Sunday, June 7, from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. for all customers who wish to dispose of trash, yard waste, and flood debris. It will resume its regular operating hours, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Saturday from 8:30 a.m. – noon beginning Monday, June 8.

Both residential and commercial customers can visit the Landfill to dispose of trash, yard waste, and flood debris at this time. All customers dropping off waste, including flood debris, will be required to report where the waste originated from for State of Michigan reporting requirements. Due to the high anticipated volume of customers accessing the Landfill, wait times may be significant. Please be patient.

Residents in the City of Midland should have their flood-damaged items set at the curb by Sunday, June 14 to receive curbside flood debris collection. Final collection will begin on Monday, June 15.

The Sanitary Landfill is located at 4311 E. Ashman Street and is a service of the City of Midland. For more information, please visit www.cityofmidlandmi.gov/landfill.

Information on the Process for Securing State, Federal Disaster Aid

The process for requesting and receiving state and federal aid begins at the local level with damage assessment and data collection. In Midland County, this process has been led by the Midland County Emergency Operations Center through the submission of damage claims through the online damage assessment portal. Once damage assessments have been completed and compiled together locally, these metrics are sent to the State of Michigan for review. The State of Michigan reviews the amount of damage sustained and exhausts all possible physical and financial resources available at the State level to assist with this disaster. If a need still remains after the State government has exhausted all resources, the State then sends the damage assessment data to the federal government to determine if it qualifies for a federal major disaster declaration from the president. Only if a federal major disaster declaration is received will any federal aid, such as available assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) be available. This is not guaranteed for any disaster.

The process described above can take 30-45 days to complete once out of local control, sometimes longer. Today, June 5, is Day 17.

Residents may also find this link helpful to understand the FEMA process and the types of aid that may be available should a federal major disaster declaration be made: www.fema.gov/pdf/rrr/dec_proc.pdf. Residents should not attempt to contact FEMA directly regarding their flood damages.

Property owners with flood damage should contact their insurance agents for coverage information. If insurance will not cover damages, be sure to get a Statement of Denial from the insurance company. Property owners are advised to save all receipts and take photo and video documentation of damages.

The Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services, Michigan's insurance regulatory agency, provides helpful information and possible remedies related to flooding and insurance. Visit www.michigan.gov/difs/0,5269,7-303-12902_71489_71517-350344--,00.html to learn more.

Water Testing Kits for Flooded Groundwater Wells in Midland County

Midland County residents whose groundwater wells were impacted by flood waters should have their water tested to ensure it was not contaminated. Flood waters can contain numerous pathogens, chemicals, and other materials that can make people ill.

Free well testing kits are available through the Midland County Department of Public Health. These kits can be picked up at the County Services Building, 220 W. Ellsworth Street, by calling 989-832-6380. If a well is found to be contaminated, it must be disinfected before safe water use can resume.

Residents who experience no water service or low water pressure from their groundwater wells should also contact the Department of Public Health.

TDS Telecom Service Restoration Ongoing in Sanford

Progress continues on the relocated TDS temporary hub site. Two HVAC units have been installed and switching equipment is being mounted on racks. Electrical service is still needed to power the equipment. Teams also continue to work to repair, reroute, and splice the network cable. Service restoration is dependent upon a number of elements and more information will be shared regarding the restoration timeline next week.

Although the location of the new hub site will not be shared for safety and security reasons, TDS is and remains a part of the Sanford area for 34 years. Its employees live and work in the community and remain dedicated to delivering great communications services to its customers.

Reminder: Donation Drop-off & Pick-up Sites Remain Open

The following locations remain open as both drop-off sites for individuals who wish to donate the items listed above and pick-up sites for individuals who need access to these supplies. These sites will be open seven days a week from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the following locations:

- West Midland Family Center, 4011 W. Isabella Road
- Coleman High School, 4951 N. Lewis Road
- Sanford Senior Center, 3243 N. West River Road
- Meridian Elementary School, 3343 N. Meridian Road
- North Family Center, 2601 E. Shearer Road
- Gladwin – Parking lot behind Forge Fitness, 237 W. Cedar Avenue, Gladwin (Parking lot is at the corner of Arcade Street and Grout Street)
- Midland High School, 1301 Eastlawn Drive
- Bullock Creek High School, 1420 S. Badour Road

The current list of items needed/items available includes:

- Personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Cleaning supplies
- Food
- Water
- Personal care items
- Household goods

Clothing donations will not be accepted at this time.

In collaboration with Dow and the Midland Emergency Operations Center (EOC), United Way of Midland County has created a process for those who wish to donate and those in need of items for flood relief. The Supplies Donations Plan provides a framework to collect and distribute donated items to those in need.

Businesses or organizations who wish to donate items must first fill out the Supplies Donations Survey online at www.reliefmidland.org and click the link under Corporate Supplies Donations to complete a donation survey. United Way will be in contact with all survey submissions within 72 hours to discuss next steps. Urgent donations needs will be processed as soon as possible. Individuals should drop off donations only at the locations listed above.

Additional Vaccine Clinics in Midland County

The Midland County Department of Public Health will be hosting additional vaccine clinics to provide vaccinations that can protect residents in the event they are injured while working in flood-contaminated areas. Injuries sustained in unsanitary conditions carry a risk of contracting a disease. Vaccines for Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis) and Hepatitis A will be available at all clinics.

Dates and locations for the clinics are:

- Monday, June 8: North Midland Family Center, 2601 E. Shearer Road, Midland from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. and Sanford Senior Center, 3243 West River Road, Sanford from 1 – 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 9: Coleman High School, 4951 N. Lewis Road, Coleman from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. and West Midland Family Center, 4011 W. Isabella Road, Shepherd, from 1 – 4 p.m.

There are no out-of-pocket costs for vaccinations.

For previous updates, flood response information, and details on release efforts, please visit the following resources:

- www.midland911.org
- www.cityofmidlandmi.gov
- www.co.midland.mi.us
- Facebook channels for the following entities:
 - Midland County Emergency Management (MI)
 - Midland County 911
 - City of Midland, Michigan – Municipal Government
- Twitter: @CityofMidlandMI
- Twitter: @MidlandCountyMI
- Call 2-1-1
- Sign up for 911 text and email alerts through Nixle.com

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