

Pandemic Operational Guidance for 2020 Hurricane Season

FEMA releases the *COVID-19 Pandemic Operational Guidance for the 2020 Hurricane Season* to help emergency managers and public health officials better prepare for all-hazards disasters, while continuing to respond to and recover from the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Private sector and non-governmental organizations can use this guidance to gain understanding of the federal government's posture, as well as associated planning and readiness efforts.

Response and Recovery Operations Amid Pandemic

The guide outlines for emergency managers and public officials, the key actions they can take to prepare for response and recovery operations during ongoing COVID-19 pandemic response efforts. Specifically, the guidance:

- Outlines funding of Emergency Protective Measures by state;
- Describes anticipated challenges to disaster operations;
- Highlights planning considerations for emergency managers based on current challenges;
- Outlines how FEMA plans to adapt response and recovery operations;
- Creates a shared understanding of expectations between FEMA and emergency managers; and,
- Provides guidance, checklists, and resources to support response and recovery planning.

While aspects of FEMA program delivery are different this year, FEMA does not anticipate major changes in program eligibility, timeliness of grant awards, or level of assistance provided under the Individual and Households Program.

Readers can apply planning considerations identified in the guidance to any disaster operation during the COVID-19 pandemic, including no-notice incidents.

Pandemic and hurricane responses are locally executed, state-managed, and federal supported. This guide reinforces this shared understanding among federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial partners. As a result, the nation will be better positioned to achieve operational outcomes in disaster response and recovery efforts.



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