

Tips for Success

- ◆ Ensure safety of volunteer and paid workforce.
- ◆ Disaster may affect the ability of support getting to affected area.
- ◆ Maximize your sheltering capacity, which will help reduce staff/resource requirements.
- ◆ Know where your resources are, and understand that requested resources may be at a distance.
- ◆ DCFS and ARC can provide shelter training upon request.
- ◆ Donations and volunteers will show-up. Take advantage of tools located on GOHSEP's website to help manage them.
- ◆ Utilizing Louisiana's Emergency Preparedness Guides can help families & individuals have a much more successful experience when evacuating and seeking shelter.



Summary

- ◆ Know your parish/city evacuation & sheltering plan.
- ◆ Know your OHSEP Director and his point of contact information.
- ◆ Be prepared to shelter at the local level until requested ARC and/or State support can arrive. It takes time to mobilize those assets.
- ◆ Identify parish shelter ahead of time.
- ◆ GOHSEP and other state agencies and NGOs are here to help with planning, identifying and supporting gaps.
- ◆ Louisiana can always utilize more shelter space. If you are aware of additional space, please reach out to GOHSEP or DCFS.
- ◆ Remember, due to the uncertainty of hurricane storm surge forecasting, all ARC shelters must be located out of the category 4 storm surge area and areas where storm surge modeling has not been done. Shelters must also be located out of any known flood zone (100 year or less), areas that will become isolated, and ponding areas.

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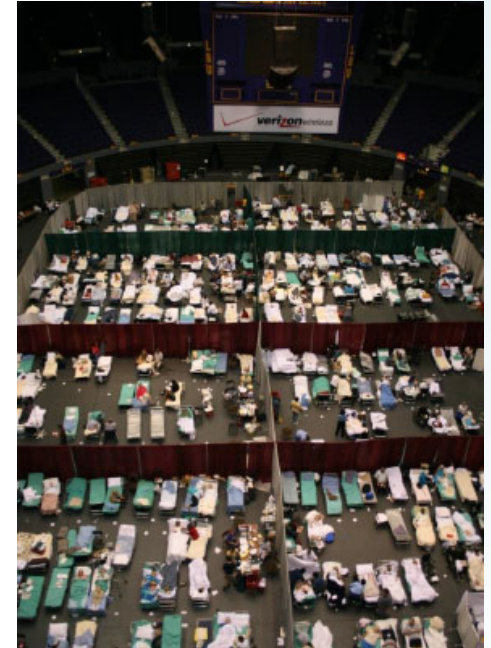
GOHSEP is a one stop location that can help for all your disaster needs.
<http://gohsep.la.gov>

Department of Children & Family Services
<http://www.dcf.la.gov>

American Red Cross
<https://www.redcross.org>

2-1-1 Get Connected. Get Answers
<http://www.211.org>

Louisiana Unified Shelter Plan



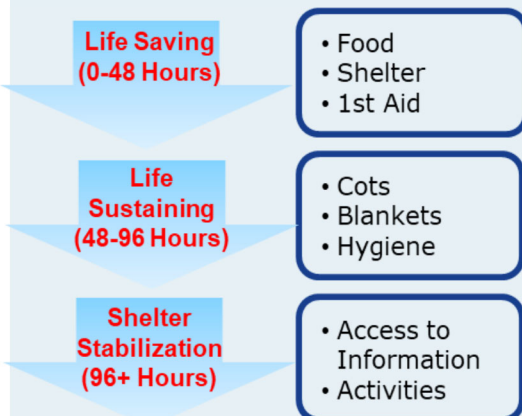


Purpose & Intent:

The purpose and intent of the Louisiana Unified Shelter Plan (USP) is to identify common terminology and create minimum shelter standards for any location providing sheltering in response to incidents, regardless of the size and scope and to ensure that all citizens of Louisiana seeking shelter have access to shelters that meet safe, secure and sanitary basic requirements.

Sheltering Concept

This Matrix below begins with the readiness phase and goes through the event +96 hours. Each parish is obligated to secure sufficient shelter facilities (IAW RS 29:726.2 and Title 55 Public Safety, Chapter 3, Sec 311) in order to accommodate the portion of their population that may need sheltering.



Where can I find the plan?

<http://gohsep.la.gov/RESOURCES/OVERVIEW/PUBLICATIONS>

What is my role as a Parish/Police Jury President or City Mayor in Evacuation and Sheltering?

- ◆ Ensure your parish and or city has an evacuation and sheltering plan.
- ◆ Be prepared to operate at the local level in the beginning until requested American Red Cross (ARC) and/or State support can arrive. ARC/state should not be your first line of defense. It takes time to mobilize those assets. Some cities have built outstanding community emergency reaction teams to cover earlier hours. (See page 33 of plan for more information.)

How can I get help as a state or local public official?

- ◆ Louisiana is no stranger to evacuations and sheltering. Louisiana emergency managers are some of the best in the nation.
- ◆ Your Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (OHSEP) Director is the most knowledgeable and should be your first call. You can reach him through the attached link. <http://gohsep.la.gov/ABOUT/PARISHPA>
- ◆ If you find that your city and parish resources are being overwhelmed, Your OHSEP Director has the ability to request resources from one central location – WebEOC. Once the request is received, GOHSEP will assess the threat, anticipate potential needs, then alert and mobilize appropriate state agencies, private industry and nongovernmental organizations (NGO).

What is the role of Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness during preparedness and response?

Your parish Office of Emergency Management should have or is working on a comprehensive shelter strategy within their Emergency Operations Plan that includes:

Preparedness

- ◆ Perform a hazard analysis and risk assessment of the populations that may be vulnerable and need governmental assistance.
- ◆ Identify potential resource needs from the ARC/state for a Mass Care Activation Level (MCAL) 3, 4, or 5. (Levels are described in plan.)
- ◆ Identify pet shelters and refuges of last resort maintained annually in WebEOC.
- ◆ Identify the total capacity of shelters within the parish to support an evacuating parish in a MCAL 3-5 event.
- ◆ Identify, plan and validate a parish-to-parish arrangement and pick up point for a MCAL 4 event.
- ◆ Develop an evacuees processing and registration system for a MCAL 4 event.
- ◆ Identify and publish a shelter location (in or out-of-parish) if issuing a mandatory evacuation.

Response

- ◆ Parishes report number of shelters, population of each shelter, and shelter capacities every four (4) hours during the evacuation and every twelve (12) hours at 12 Midnight and 12 Noon through DCFS Regional EOC to DCFS EOC until shelters are closed. Parishes can request LNOs to assist with shelter reporting.
- ◆ If transportation or other non-Red Cross resources are needed to support the mission – the parish will request through WebEOC.
- ◆ Identify long term sheltering or housing options if necessary.
- ◆ Remain actively involved in shelter operations in order to ensure safety and security. The support should include but is not limited to assisting with depopulating and closing of shelters.