Reunification with Family and Friends

Keep your friends and family informed of your whereabouts during an emergency.

- Check out when you leave the evacuation center.
- Let loved ones know you are safe by registering on www.redcross.org/safeandwell.
- Check your social media accounts to see if they allow you to mark yourself as safe in a crisis.

QUICK HOURS

Please respect quiet hours (usually 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.) to ensure all evacuees can rest.

INFORMATION

An information board located near registration will provide information on a daily schedule, meal times, quiet hours, weather updates, etc.

ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES

Along with other evacuation center supplies, evacuees must bring:

- Disinfectant wipes (or spray with cleaning cloths).
- Hand sanitizer.
- One to two facial masks.

SPECIFIC NEEDS

Although not guaranteed, every effort will be made to accommodate special needs. Please notify a staff member immediately if you (or a family member):

- Have a medical condition that requires assistance.
- Are not feeling well, or if you observe anyone needing medical attention.
- Need specific equipment or supplies.

Want to Help?

We appreciate your service. Ask at the registration desk how you can help.

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Public evacuation centers are a temporary refuge for those seeking safety from a disaster or emergency.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, it is impossible to ensure a virus-free evacuation center.
PARKING
Park only in designated areas. Do not park against buildings, in grass or near classrooms.

REGISTRATION
All evacuees will be screened for health upon arrival and before registration. Be prepared to wait in line (or in your car) to be screened.
Depending on the results of health screening, you may be designated to an area for symptomatic evacuees.
Do not arrive prior to opening. Early arrivers will have to wait outside or in their vehicles.
Checking in and then leaving (for example, to get supplies) will not be permitted.

PERSONAL BELONGINGS
In general population centers, you will be limited to approximately 20 square feet per person, or 40 square feet per person if social distance is required. In medically dependent centers, the square footage may be limited to 60 square feet for evacuees and their caregiver.
All of an individual's belongings must be contained within his or her assigned space. Be sure to bring your personal evacuation survival kit and include items for sleeping and quiet entertainment.
Staff assumes no responsibility for personal belongings. It is recommended that personal belongings be locked in your car and out of sight. If that is not possible, keep valuable items with you at all times. Ensure all items are labeled with your name.

HOUSEKEEPING
Help us keep the evacuation center clean. Alert a staff member immediately if restrooms need supplies or cleaning.

SMOKING
Smoking of any kind, including e-cigarettes and other smoking devices, is not permitted indoors.
Designated areas may be made available outside during safe weather conditions. Check with staff for approved locations.
During high winds/building lockdown, outdoor smoking areas WILL BE CLOSED.

ALCOHOL, ILLEGAL DRUGS, WEAPONS
Alcoholic beverages, weapons and illegal drugs are not allowed in evacuation centers.
No potentially explosive devices are permitted, including propane tanks.

LAW ENFORCEMENT
Each evacuation center will have law enforcement officers assigned for safety and security.

CHILDREN
Do not leave children unattended at any time. Parents/guardians are responsible for supervising their children and keeping them safe at all times.

PETS AND SERVICE ANIMALS
Domestic dogs and cats are permitted at all evacuation centers in designated areas.
Evacuees are expected to provide crates or carriers and all supplies for their pets.
Service animals are trained to do work or perform tasks for an individual with access and functional needs, including those with disabilities. Animals providing emotional support are not service animals as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

MEALS/SNACKS
If meals are provided, they will be served at designated times. Snacks are not provided.
Snacks/food and water are permitted and encouraged as part of your preparedness kit, especially if you have dietary concerns or restrictions. Refrigeration will not be available for these items. A meal schedule will be posted.