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Missouri flooding information available at Mo.gov or follow this link:

<https://www.mo.gov/safety/disasters/flood/>

MODOT Transportation map:

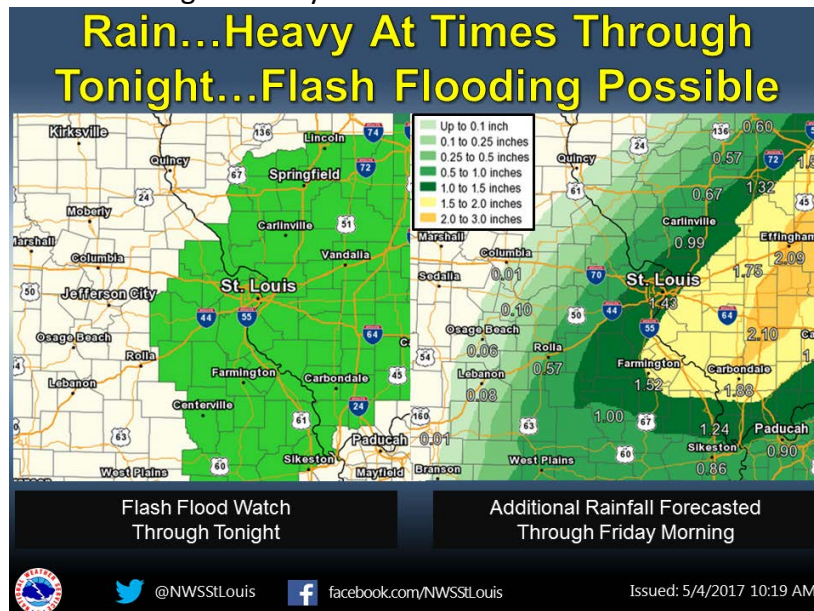
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EVENT UPDATE

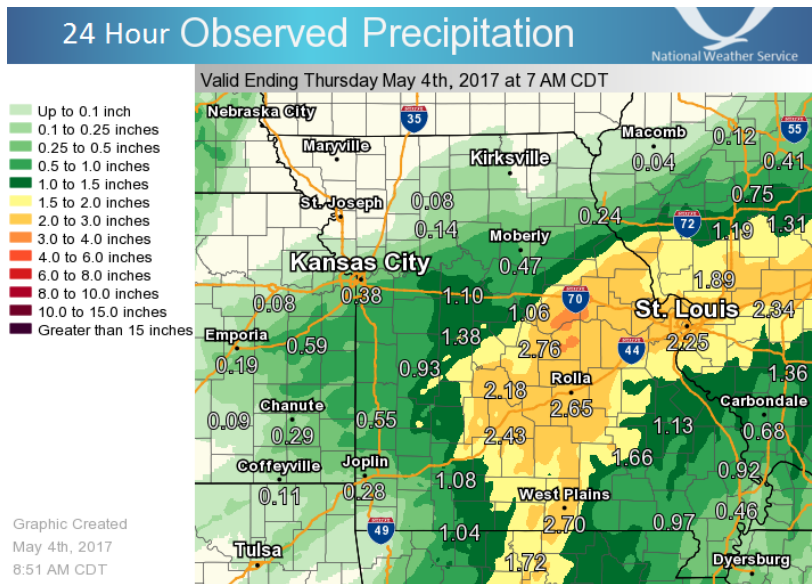
- There is concern that the North County (St. Charles County) levee at West Alton could overtop tonight. This can occur when the Mississippi is a little over 34 feet at Mel Price Lock and Dam. The river was at 34.07 at 1530. The forecast is for 35.0 Friday evening.
- Up to date State Highway road conditions and closures go to: <http://traveler.modot.org/map/>
- AmeriCorps St. Louis now has three volunteers on the SEOC floor to assist with volunteer management.
- Most of southeast Missouri under a flood warning.
- Boil orders and advisories continue to be issued in communities that have lost their public drinking water systems due to flooding. For a complete list, go to: <http://dnr.mo.gov/env/wpp/boil/index.html>.
- DPS/SEMA advancing plans preparing to aid with recovery. Effort includes emergency human services and logistics.

Section 1- Current Conditions

Updated Thursday AM NWS forecast shows counties under a flash flood watch and forecasted rainfall ending Thursday PM:



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Section 2 - Missouri Government and Partner Actions

Mo Department of Public Safety

Director Drew Juden

- AmeriCorps St. Louis now has three volunteers on the SEOC floor to assist with volunteer management, including coordinating VOAD groups for muck-and-gut and debris cleanup.
- DPS/SEMA advancing plans to aid recovery.
- Continue to work closely with public water system issues in parts of Jefferson, St. Charles and St. Louis counties and security issues in parts of St. Louis County, including Valley Park, Villa Ridge and Eureka.

National Weather Service

James Kramper, NWS Warning Coordination Meteorologist

- Most of southeast Missouri under a flood warning.
- New heavy rainfall event has begun and continues in the southeast portion of the state with up to 1.25 inches expected in some areas. Not expected to significantly impact river flooding.

State Emergency Management Agency

Director Ernie Rhodes

- Through Thursday, SEMA Logistics responded to over 300 resource requests, 56 of those were today. Some of those requests included tetanus vaccine for volunteers and residents.

- Requests being received now are for, debris and sandbag cleanup, large dumpsters.
- SEMA Emergency Services currently planning for 10+ MARC sites. Looking to develop scheduling and staffing. A MARC is a one-stop-shop where citizens receive information from government agencies and NGOs about resources available.
- SEMA Emergency Human Services continues to explore options to assist affected regions with donations management. Seventh Day Adventists, who are national VOAD partners in donations management, has proposed setting up warehouse(s) and managing donations.
 - SNS includes 12-15 pallet jacks that could be supplied.
 - SEMA looking at possible distribution locations for public. Considering St. Charles and Springfield.
 - SEMA identified national leaders in donations management in donations management for assistance.
 - Lowes has disaster clean up kits for recovery volunteers in warehouse in Georgia. Considering best place to transport them to.
 - Logistics is coordinating Business Emergency Operations Center activities.
- Reached out to all 38 Missouri Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) units to assess ability to help with activities such as vaccine (TDAP) administration at MARCS or to support shelters.
 - Stoddard County MRC sent cots to the shelter in Poplar Bluff.
 - Randolph County MRC offered TDAP vaccine.
 - Cape Girardeau County MRC offered to send cots to Poplar Bluff and to assist with TDAP
 - Mo Volunteer Veterinary Corps MRC offered to assist with pet sheltering
- The Governor's Partnership and MOVOAD partners have reported the availability of bottled water, including transport in regions A, C, D, E, and F.

Current Shelter Status

- Red Cross shelter numbers updated at 0000. Shelter numbers are updated each morning. 11 shelters open with 109 clients, 9 shelters on standby, 8 shelters closed.
- A new Red Cross Shelter is scheduled to open at 1700 at the Hayti Community Center in Pemiscot County, Missouri. It is expected to serve 5-6 families.
- The shelter at the Van Buren Youth Community Center transitioned from Red Cross management to an independent shelter.

Red Cross OPEN shelters:

Branson United Methodist Church
1208 W. Highway 76, Branson

First Baptist Church
122 2nd Street, Gainesville

Black River Colosseum
301 S 5th Street, Poplar Bluff

First Baptist Church
202 Walnut, West Plains

Calvary Baptist Church
2650 Oakridge Extension, Neosho

Manchester United Methodist
129 Woods Mill Road, Ballwin

*Humane Society Mobile Animal Shelter on site.

TriCounty Senior Center
800 W. Union Street, Pacific

Humane Society of Missouri and Pacific Animal Shelter are partnering.

Independent Shelters are open at the following locations:

Youth Community Center
1204 County Road D, Van Buren

Eminence High School Gym
506 S. 6th Street, Eminence

Missouri State Highway Patrol

Colonel Sandra Karsten

- At the request of the SEOC, MSHP and MoDOT continue to work on a list of accessible travel routes to the hospitals in the south St. Louis area to be shared with the public.

Missouri National Guard

Adjutant General Stephen Danner

- More than 500 Soldiers and Airmen are currently supporting flood fighting response efforts. Approximately half the Guardsmen are responding to flooding near St. Louis (Task Force North) with the other responding near Cape Girardeau and Poplar Bluff (Task Force South).
- **Task Force North Soldiers and Airmen are:**
 - Conducting Traffic Control Points in Eureka.
 - Conducting Traffic Control Points in St. Louis County.
 - Transporting first responders in Fenton.
 - Transporting first responders in Eureka.
 - Transporting six portable water containers to Fenton.
 - Utilizing high water capable vehicles to transport first responders in Barnhart and Eureka.
 - Providing levee security in Eureka.
 - Conducting traffic control points in Fenton.
 - Conducting traffic control points in downtown Pacific.
- **Task Force South Soldiers and Airmen are:**
 - Conducted reconnaissance of directed areas of interest.
 - Providing sandbag support in Fisk in an effort to protect US HWY 60.
 - Providing emergency route clearance and health and wellness checks in Reynolds County.
 - Providing levee support in Poplar Bluff.
 - Providing levee support in Benton.

- Transported 200,000 sandbags; filled and staged over 47,000 sandbags thus far at the Poplar Bluff distribution center.

Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services

Director Randall Williams

- DSDS continues to provide support and communication with the Area Agencies on Aging providing essential services to their constituents, such as home-delivered meals and wellness checks. Many are working with local emergency management to check on homebound and vulnerable citizens ensuring they have the ability to get to them or for them to get out.
 - Senior Centers that are closed:
 - West Plains
 - Naylor
 - Tipton – unsure if they are reopened yet or not.
- Issues reported with staff unable to get to our offices in the flooded areas; COOP implemented to cover any essential services and no major issues with staff shortages.
- Charity J. Hunter, DSDS Disaster Response Coordinator, is working with the MO VOAD and Partnership collaborating on MARC planning and other situational issues, advocating for seniors and adults with disabilities; she is also providing information and collaboration with the Legal Help in Disasters Committee of the Partnership.
 - DSDS field staff will participate in MARCs to provide information, referral and assistance to seniors and adults with disabilities.
- Made aware AmeriCares and Heart to Heart are supporting Franklin and Newton County residents affected by flood. Communicating with both organizations and ESF 6 to obtain more information.

Missouri Department of Natural Resources

Director Carol Comer

- Gov. Greitens signed the Executive Order this afternoon that gives MoDNR the authority to issue a storm waiver, suspending specific statutes and administrative rules in order to best serve the interest of the public health and safety during the recovery period following flooding events. MoDNR is finalizing the storm waiver that will address disposal of yard waste and major appliances; burning of woody vegetation. While the waiver suspends specific statutes and rules, landfills and local ordinances are not obligated to accept the waste or allow open burning.
- MoDNR is asking the public to report any potential hazardous substance containers or propane tanks that have been displaced or affected by the recent and ongoing flood event. dnr.mo.gov/container-form.htm. The department is coordinating the pickup of one drum.

Missouri Department of Agriculture/Humane Society of Missouri

- MoAG beginning to receive preliminary reports of flooding impact on agriculture industries, including animal feed production and plant nurseries.
 - Flooding is also making animal feed storage (grain silos), distribution and delivery by river barge, rail and truck much more difficult and costly.
- Humane Society of Mo personnel deactivated from the Red Cross shelters. Any incoming requests can be made at 314-647-4400.
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Missouri Public Service Commission

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Electric Cooperatives

Black River Electric	870
Callaway Electric (F)	10
Co-Mo Electric (F)	306
Crawford Electric (E)	66
Cuivre River Electric (F)	1
Gascosage Electric (F)	213
Howell-Oregon Electric (G)	211
Intercounty (G/I)	39
Laclede Electric (I)	80
Osage Valley Electric (D)	1
Ozark Border (E)	47
Southwest (D)	220
Three Rivers (F)	72
White River Valley (D/G)	65

Municipalities

City of Springfield	18
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Section 3 – Flood Facts, Actions and Resources

- Warn children to never play in or near flood water. Soaked creek and stream banks may be unstable and suddenly give away, tossing you into moving water.
- Storm drains or culverts obscured by flood water can create powerful currents that can sweep people in with deadly consequences.
- Flood water can contain raw sewage and other risks, including infectious diseases, hazardous chemical exposure, and debris.

- Direct contact with flood water can cause skin rashes, infect cuts or wounds, or cause stomach illnesses.
- Downed or broken power lines in flood water pose an electrocution hazard.
- Sharp objects and debris, such as glass or metal objects, may be lurking in flood water.
- Animals, insects, snakes and other reptiles that have been displaced due to flooding may be submerged or hiding in debris in or near flood waters.

Here's what the public can do:

- When a flash flood warning is issued for your area, or the moment you realize that a flash flood is imminent, go to higher ground immediately.
- Do not attempt to cross flowing streams. Even six inches of flowing water can knock you off your feet.
- Be alert for high water whenever flash flooding is forecast. Slow down when visibility is limited.
- If you wind up in flood water and your vehicle stalls, leave it immediately and seek higher ground. Rapidly rising water may engulf the vehicle and sweep it away.

Resources from the Missouri Department of Health and Human Services:

- Well water – If there is any indication that a private well water source has been breached, contact DHSS at 573-751-3334 to obtain free water testing kit. Store disinfected water in clean, covered containers for drinking and cooking.
- Electrocution – Turn off electricity and other utilities like gas lines before entering a flood-impacted building.
- Immunizations – Immunizations will be provided free of charge to first responders and volunteers or people impacted/community members through local health departments.
- Food safety – Discard any food that may have been touched by flood waters. Products with twist off caps should be discarded as well.
- Mosquitoes – After flooding, pooled water can become breeding grounds for mosquitoes. People are reminded to tip-and-toss containers with standing water.