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Flood Update from WVDHSEM Tuesday Morning, 06/28/16

CHARLESTON, WV – According to WV Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management Director Jimmy Gianato, these are the latest facts and figures:

-Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin today expanded his request for a federal Major Disaster Declaration from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to provide assistance for Clay, Fayette, Monroe, Pocahontas, Roane, Summers and Webster counties.

Greenbrier, Kanawha and Nicholas counties already have received a federal declaration and FEMA teams are on the ground working with residents and providing individual assistance. If Gov. Tomblin's request is approved by FEMA, these additional seven counties also would be eligible for federal assistance including individual assistance, Damage-Frequency Assessment (DFA), Emergency Protective Measures and Debris Removal.

West Virginians needing assistance should contact their local offices of emergency management. Contact information for each county office can be found at www.dhsem.wv.gov/Important%20Contact%20Numbers/Pages/default.aspx.

FEMA

- The Federal Emergency Management Agency announced today a Disaster Recovery Center will be opening to assist survivors affected by the West Virginia Flooding. Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC) are one-stop shops for eligible storm survivors to provide one-on-one, face-to-face help.

The location is:

Kanawha County

Kanawha County Crede Warehouse

3300 Pennsylvania Ave

Charleston, WV 25302

Opening today at 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Tuesday (6/28/2016)

7 a.m. - 7 p.m., (open seven days a week)

Individuals do not have to visit a Disaster Recovery Center to register with FEMA. FEMA urges those who have not yet registered to do so as soon as possible by visiting DisasterAssistance.gov. FEMA also accepts registrations through your smartphone at

m.fema.gov. For those without access to the internet, FEMA has a toll-free number at 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or (TTY) 1-800-462-7585 for the deaf or hard of hearing. To learn more about Disaster Recovery Centers, go to FEMA.gov/disaster-recovery-centers. Federal disaster assistance for individuals and families can include money for rental assistance, essential home repairs, personal property loss and other serious disaster-related needs not covered by insurance. For more information on West Virginia's disaster recovery, visit fema.gov/disaster/4273, twitter.com/FEMA, facebook.com/FEMA and fema.gov/blog.

Power

-As of 8:00 AM there are 7,077 residents still without power across the state.

Fatalities

-According to the WV State Medical Examiner's Office the number of deaths due to the floods remains at 23 (twenty-three). That total includes 20 confirmed fatalities and 3 people missing and presumed dead.

Fatality totals by county include:

15—Greenbrier (12 confirmed, 3 missing and presumed dead)

6—Kanawha

1—Ohio

1— Jackson

WV National Guard

-The West Virginia National Guard has over 570 Soldiers and Airmen deployed throughout the state of WV. While most of the initial response was in support of the search and rescue mission, the focus now is on helping citizens recover from the immediate effects of the flood.

Members of the National Guard are engaged supporting flood victims by providing aerial views of the affected areas, deploying medical teams, coordinating debris collection and removal, moving and distributing water, meals, and cleaning supplies, conducting door to door health and welfare checks and a variety of other initiatives.

In addition, the 130th Airlift Wing, based at McLaughlin ANGB in Charleston, is acting as the West Virginia staging area for FEMA and trailers full of supplies destined for the impacted locations.

WV DHHR

-DHHR donated 120 tetanus vaccines for distribution to affected areas.

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-Continues to remove debris from roadways, all interstates open without delays. Portions of Route 60 in Greenbrier still closed.

Red Cross

-Over 400 Red Cross workers are responding across WV, distributing more than 10,000 meals and 2,000 cleanup kits so far.

Medical Clinics

-Mobile medical clinics are opening in several places today. The Food Fair in Clendenin is the site of a field clinic offering general medical care and prescription services. It will be there from 9 AM till 5 PM through Friday, July 1st.

Mobile medical clinics operated by a joint military/civilian partnership will also be operating in Rainelle, Rupert, Richwood and White Sulphur Springs.

Debris Collection

-Four debris collection sites in Kanawha County are open from 8 AM till 8 PM:

Clendenin Family Medicine, 8008 Elk River Rd N, Clendenin

Elkview Middle School, 5090 Elk River Rd, Elkview

Elkview Park and Ride, Frame Rd exit

Clendenin Park and Ride, Clendenin exit

Pet Shelters

The WV Division of Agriculture reports these shelters open for pets:

Kanawha County--Kanawha-Charleston Humane Association 1248 Greenbrier Street Charleston, WV 25311. Phone Number (304) 342-1576.

Greenbrier County—Greenbrier County Humane Association 151 Holliday Drive Lewisburg, WV. Phone Number (304) 645-4775.

Fayette County—Fayette County Volunteers 26719 Midland Trail (Midland Trail High School) Lookout, WV. Point of Contact Is: Kevin Walker (304) 574-1610.

