

ATTACHMENT 3 TO ANNEX 6
GENERAL POPULATION SHELTER MANAGEMENT

I. GENERAL

- A. General population shelter management includes:
1. Planning shelter space
 2. Surveying facilities on a recurring basis
 3. Planning, anticipating and coordinating staffing
 4. Coordinating resources
 5. Providing sustainment and logistical support
 6. Estimating the number of evacuees who may require shelter
 7. Addressing functional or unique individual medical needs
 8. Consistent and accurate reporting and communication
 9. Identifying and providing public information on pet shelter facilities within reasonable proximity to each shelter
 10. Coordinating shelter openings and closing in close coordination with State, county, and local officials
- B. Identified facilities must be immediately accessible and under the purview of government authority to open, operate, and close.
- C. Written agreements may be in place between county and government/non-government entities.
- D. Counties (and municipalities) have legal responsibility for public health and safety in shelters under South Carolina law.
1. Sheltering survivors falls under emergency protective measures, which must “Eliminate or lessen immediate threats to life, public health or safety; or eliminate or lessen immediate threats of significant additional damage to improved public or private property...” (44 CFR §206.225 (a)(3))
 2. The South Carolina Code of Laws (Section 25-1-450(2)(c)) states that counties (and municipalities) are responsible for developing and implementing a shelter/relocation plan”, therefore Counties would be the eligible applicant for Public Assistance.

- a. This responsibility would not extend to school districts, as these entities would not have legal responsibility for sheltering disaster survivors. Therefore, school districts would not be eligible for direct reimbursement for sheltering activities through the FEMA Public Assistance program. Reimbursement for such activities would be eligible for the legally responsible applicant (County).
 - b. School Districts in the State of South Carolina are independent bodies politic as identified in South Carolina Code of Laws (Section 59-17-10).
3. Any work claimed for Public Assistance must be the legal responsibility of the eligible applicant. (44 CFR §206.223 (a)(3)).

II. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

- A. ESF-6 (Mass Care) is the lead Emergency Support Function (ESF) for managing the general population and Medical Equipment Power Shelter plans and execution.
- B. SC Department of Social Services (DSS) is the lead State agency for managing the State general population shelter plan and general population shelter execution.
- C. The American Red Cross (Red Cross), as a support agency to ESF-6, surveys, opens, manages, operates, transitions, and closes Red Cross managed shelters in coordination with DSS and County Emergency Management based on Red Cross resourcing capabilities and commitments.
- D. Some shelters may also be managed by other partners. Partners may include DSS, local CERT, religious organizations, non-profits, and others.
- E. SC Department of Public Health is the lead state agency for managing the State Medical Equipment Power Shelter plan and Medical Equipment Power Shelter execution.
- F. General Population Shelter Coordination
 1. County Emergency Management, SCEMD, County and State ESF-6, and the Red Cross coordinate General Population shelter locations.
 2. Shelter staffing management, reporting, and communications are coordinated between the DSS, DPH, and the Red Cross.
 3. To coordinate shelter openings, ESF-6, SCEMD, and the counties identify public general population shelters annually.
- G. Shelter Survey Process
 1. The Red Cross surveys general population shelters to determine capacity. Shelters should be updated for POC's and any changes yearly. Shelters should be surveyed based on the American Red Cross operational process and policy.

H. Opening of General Population Shelters

1. For sheltering during a hurricane or coastal evacuation reference Annex H to the Hurricane Plan.
2. For notice events, shelters may begin to open before the hazard arrives.
3. For no-notice events, shelters will take at least 4 hours to open once they are requested.
4. Additional Local Support Shelters may be requested and/or operated by the counties as needed.
5. ESF-6 (Mass Care), in coordination with SCEMD and county emergency management, has the authority to adjust the openings of shelters and the coordination of opening to meet the requirements of the situation.
6. Additional shelters within the state may open as shelters begin to reach 75% capacity.

I. General Shelter Operations

1. Red Cross managed shelters are open to the public without discrimination of any kind.
2. Red Cross will not deter evacuees from leaving the shelter; however, authority to authorize and allow residents to return to an area resides with the local government.
3. Red Cross will keep shelters open or on standby based on identified need and operational policy and procedure.

J. Closing of General Population Shelters

1. The decision to close shelters is based on many factors including the number of shelterees, returning destination of the shelterees, location of other nearby shelters, available transportation, and housing options.
2. Before shelters are closed, the County Emergency Management Director and the SEOC Operations will determine that a threat no longer exists.
3. The identification and recommendation on which shelters to close or consolidate are based on coordination between the SEOC, County Emergency Management, and County and State ESF-6 (Mass Care) in conjunction with the Red Cross Disaster Relief Operational Headquarters (DRO HQ).

4. The Red Cross DRO HQ will notify ESF-6 (Mass Care) when shelters are officially closed. ESF-6 (Mass Care) in conjunction with the SEOC Public Information Officer will inform the SEOC staff and Public Information Phone System (PIPS) Manager once a shelter is closed.
5. This process does not apply to Medical Equipment Power Shelters (MEPS) (see Annex I – Medical Equipment Power Shelter and Medical Evacuation Management) or shelters managed by other agencies or organizations.

K. Public Announcement of General Population Shelter Openings/Closings

1. ESF-15 (Public Information) will coordinate public announcements regarding shelters and publish the information via multiple means and sources, including local broadcasts, Joint Information Center releases, the Public Information Phone System (PIPS) and the Red Cross.
2. The public announcement will include each shelter name, location, address, and shelter(s) opening time.
3. Open shelters can be found at redcross.org and <https://www.scmd.org/stay-informed/emergency-shelters/>.
4. Shelters may open before the announced time. Once a shelter is reported at 90% capacity or above, ESF-6 (Mass Care) will coordinate with ESF-15 (Public Information) to no longer include the shelter in public announcements as “open.”
5. ESF-15 (Public Information) will provide announcements to major media outlets from State and County EOCs.

L. Medical Equipment Power Shelter Management

See Annex 6 Attachment 4.

M. The following tables depict shelters that may be used as Local Support Shelters.

1. RTE designates associated evacuation routes, if applicable.
2. The full list of shelters that have been surveyed can be found on Palmetto EOC.

POTENTIAL LOCAL SUPPORT SHELTERS

County	Rte	Facility	Address	Capacity @ 20 sq ft	Capacity @ 40 sq ft
Aiken	278	Silver Bluff High School	64 DeSoto Drive, Aiken, SC 29809	425	499
Aiken	20	Paul Knox Middle School	1804 Wells Road, North Augusta, SC 29841	167	203
Allendale	278/321	Allendale Elementary School	3305 Allendale-Fairfax Highway, Allendale, SC 29827	263	134
Bamberg	78	Richard Carroll Elementary School	1890 Main Highway, Bamberg, SC 29003	392	122
Bamberg	78	Bamberg-Erhardt High School	267 Red Raider Drive, Bamberg, SC 29003	820	616
Bamberg	78	Denmark-Olar Middle School	45 Green Street, Denmark, SC 29042	255	96
Barnwell	78	Blackville-Hilda High School	76 Atkins Circle, Blackville, SC 29817	256	208
Barnwell	78	Williston-Elko High School	12233 Main Street, Williston, SC 29853	221	83
Berkeley	6	Berkeley High School	406 West Main St. Moncks Corner, SC 29461	620	356
Berkeley		Sangaree Elementary	1460 Royle Road, Summerville, SC 29483	704	352
Berkeley		Cross High School	1293 Old Highway 6 Cross, SC 29436	320	155
Calhoun	6	Calhoun County High School	150 Saints Avenue, Saint Matthews, SC 29135	265	327
Charleston	26	Dunston Elementary School	1825 Remount Road, North Charleston, SC 29406	266	38
Charleston		North Charleston Elementary School	4921 Durant Avenue, North Charleston, SC 29405	146	55
Clarendon	261	Manning High School	2155 Paxville Highway, Manning, SC 29102	605	193
Clarendon	95	Scott's Branch Middle School	1154 4th St Summerton, SC, 29148	476	174
Clarendon	261	Manning Junior High School	1101 W L Hamilton Road, Manning, SC 29102	551	183
Colleton		Colleton Recreation Center	280 Recreation Lane, Walterboro, SC	297	148

Colleton		Colleton County Middle School	1379 Tuskegee Airmen Dr, Walterboro, SC	640	320
Colleton		Northside Elementary School	1929 Industrial Rd, Walterboro, SC	367	182
Darlington	NA	Darlington Middle School	150 Pinedale Road, Darlington, SC 29532	649	324
Darlington	NA	Hartsville Middle School	1427 Fourteenth Street, Hartsville, SC 29550	685	342
Darlington	NA	Darlington High School	525 Spring Street, Darlington, SC 29532	389	194
Dillon	9	Lake View High School	401 East 3rd Avenue, Lake View, SC 29563	461	153
Dillon	9	Dillon High School	1730 Highway 301 North, Dillon, SC 29536	712	355
Dorchester	642	Oakbrook Middle School	286 Old Fort Drive, Ladson, SC 29456	404	163
Dorchester	178	Woodland High School	4128 US Highway 78, Dorchester, SC 29437	459	224
Florence	95	Timmonsville High School*	304 Kemper Street, Timmonsville, SC 29161	448	224
Florence	378	Hannah-Pamplico Elementary/Middle School	2131 S Pamplico Highway, Pamplico, SC 29583	236	118
Georgetown	51	Pleasant Hill Elementary+	127 Schoolhouse Drive, Hemingway, SC 29554	530	204
Georgetown	51	Carvers Bay Middle School	13000 Choppee Road, Hemingway, SC 29554	310	131
Greenville	NA	Berea High School	201 Burdine Drive, Greenville, SC 29617	791	395
Greenville	NA	Mauldin High School	701 E Butler Street, Mauldin, SC 29662	473	684
Greenville	NA	Riverside High School	794 Hammett Bridge Road, Greer, SC 29650	1,297	550
Greenville	NA	Greenville Convention Center	1 Exposition Drive, Greenville, SC 29607	2,000	1,000
Hampton	321	Estill Middle School	1450 Columbia Highway North, Estill, SC 29918	287	112
Hampton	278	Hampton Elementary School	505 S Hoover Street, Hampton, SC 29924	228	114
Horry	9	Loris High School	301 Loris Lion Road, Loris, SC 29569	594	201
Horry	17	North Myrtle Beach High School	3750 Sea Mountain Highway, Little River, SC 29582	420	142

Horry	501	Aynor Middle School	400 Frye Road, Galivants Ferry, SC 29544	770	385
Lee	NA	Lee Central Middle School	41 Charlene Lane, Bishopville, SC 29010	414	207
Lee	NA	Lee Central High School	1800 Wisacky Road, Bishopville, SC 29010	731	422
Lee	NA	Bishopville Primary School	321 Roland Street, Bishopville, SC 29010	461	126
Lexington	NA	White Knoll High School	5643 Platt Springs Road, Lexington, SC 29073	1,061	745
Lexington	178	Pelion High School	600 Lydia Drive, Pelion, SC 29123	957	653
Lexington	NA	Gilbert High School	840 Main Street, Gilbert, SC 29054	872	745
Lexington	NA	Chapin High School	300 Columbia Avenue, Chapin, SC 29036	846	165
Marion	501	Creek Bridge High School	6641 S Highway 41, Marion, SC 29571	305	152
Marion	501	Mullins High School	747 Millers Road, Mullins, SC 29574	626	313
Marlboro	NA	Marlboro High School	951 Fayetteville Avenue, Bennettsville, SC 29512	685	342
Orangeburg	6	Elloree Elementary School	200 Warrior Drive, Elloree, SC 29047	567	153
Orangeburg	176	Holly Hill Elementary School	1490 Brant Avenue, Holly Hill, SC 29059	518	138
Orangeburg	178	Edisto High School	500 R.M. Foster Road, Cordova, SC 29039	302	361
Orangeburg	178	North High School	512 Cromer Avenue, North, SC 29112	174	242
Richland	NA	Prince Hall Grand Lodge	2324 Gervais Street, Columbia, SC 29201	259	187
Richland	NA	Blythewood High School	10901 Wilson Boulevard, Blythewood, SC 29016	261	446
Spartanburg		High Point Academy	6655 Pottery Road, Spartanburg, 29303	675	337
Spartanburg	NA	Chesnee Elementary School	985 Fairfield Road, Chesnee, SC 29323	150	74
Spartanburg	NA	James F. Byrnes High School	150 E. Main Street, Duncan, SC 29334	690	344
Sumter	NA	Mayewood Middle School	4300 E. Brewington Road, Sumter, SC 29153	315	137

Sumter	NA	Lakewood High School	350 Old Manning Highway, Sumter, SC 29150	875	277
Sumter	NA	Crestwood High School	2000 Oswego Road, Sumter, SC 29153	875	277
Union	NA	Sims Middle School	2200 Whitmire Highway, Union, SC 29379	1,125	104
Williamsburg	521	Kingstree Senior High School- East Campus	615 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, Kingstree, SC 29556	280	103
Williamsburg	521	C.E. Murray High School	222 C.E. Murray Boulevard, Greeleyville, SC 29056	352	136
Williamsburg	51	Hemingway High School	402 S Main Street, Hemingway, SC 29554	266	328

* Designates shelters that may be used as part of the Critical Transportation Needs plan. See Hurricane Plan Annex B.

+ Designates shelters that may be used as Medical Equipment Power Shelters. See Annex 6 Attachment 4.