Palm Beach County
Division of Emergency Management

Our MISSION

To **minimize the impact** of emergencies and disasters to our community through **education, planning, and response** by coordinating **information and resources**.
Before a Disaster

**Identify your risks** by determining the areas within your business you will need to prepare, mitigate, and protect.

**Develop a plan** that identifies preparedness and mitigation actions your business needs to take to ensure safety.

**Test the plan often.** A plan does not work if it is not tested or exercised.
Stay Informed by listening to authorities and making sure you are aware of developing events.

Remember – During HURRICANES the eye of the storm may come across your location. The seemingly safe conditions may tempt you to venture out and check on your business. Don’t be fooled!
After a Disaster

**Assess damages** and determine how you can get your critical business functions back up and running.

**Report Damages** using the business damage reporting tool on the DEM Business webpage.

**If you can re-open your business**, let the Emergency Operations Center know you are open and able to assist customers.
After a Disaster

The business damage reporting tool is available at:


Additional business resources can be found on our webpage at:

http://discover.pbcgov.org/publicsafety/dem/Pages/Business.aspx
After a Disaster

Disaster Awareness & Recovery Tool

DART app
After a Disaster

- Select Damage Level
- Select Flood Level
- 20 S Military Trail, West Palm Beach, FL 33415
- Add Picture

Submit

Moderate Damage
High Damage
Extensive Damage
About Shelters in a Disaster

With the COVID-19 Pandemic ongoing, Emergency Management has been planning how to respond to other disasters such as hurricanes.

Specifically, how to shelter those in evacuation areas while using social distancing strategies to reduce risk while being sheltered.

The DEM has made some changes to General Population Shelters as a result of this planning.
The New Normal in Disaster Sheltering

Registration

*Handwashing* – clients are encouraged to wash their hands before entering.

*Hands off Registration* – staff will assist with registration.

*Room Assignment cards* – staff will assign room cards.

*Screen Clients* – staff will screen clients.

Dormitories

Each client will be provided 60 Square Feet; six (6) ft. apart from next client.

Families can stay together; clients should remain in their assigned dormitory.

Nursing staff will conduct daily temperature checks.

Isolation

Shelter Management will identify dormitories to use for isolation.

Any client saying “yes” to screening questions or with temp of 100.4 F will be isolated.

Staff will be assigned to monitor the isolation area.
The New Normal in Disaster Sheltering

Feeding

Food will be delivered to dormitories.
Trash pickup runs an hour after meals.

PPE

All clients in the shelter will wear facial coverings.
All clients are strongly encouraged to wear facial coverings in their assigned spaces.
Facial coverings will be provided for clients who do not have any.
Staff may be assigned additional PPE (i.e., N95 masks, gowns, gloves, etc.).

Posters with these new rules will be posted throughout the shelter to highlight the COVID-19 symptoms, COVID-19 screening, handwashing, and facial covering rules.
These will be available in three (3) languages.