American Red Cross

Red Cross Disaster Relief

Michigan Spring Floods

On May 19, 2020, thousands of people in Michigan evacuated their homes due to spring floods after extended periods of heavy rain and the failure of dams on the Tittabawassee River.

As the floods began, the American Red Cross immediately mobilized to respond, using temporary emergency lodging in hotel/motel rooms to provide a safe place to stay in the face of concerns about COVID-19. Meals, snacks, personal care items, clean-up supplies and emergency service items have been provided in addition to disaster health and mental health care. Immediate financial assistance also was made available to people whose homes suffered major damage or were destroyed.

Our service delivery activity as of July 14, 2020:

Provided more than 7,738 overnight stays

Served, with our partners, more than 31,057 meals and snacks

Distributed 9,562 disaster emergency supplies to 1,454 households

Made more than 6,327 visits for disaster health, mental health, disability care, spiritual care and disability integration services

Provided emergency assistance to over 1,500 people

Nearly 300 Red Crossers from 23 states -- many working remotely -- provided disaster assistance.

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