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# SEOC Update: 2025 October West Coast Storm – Disaster Update

**JOINT BASE ELMENDORF RICHARDSON, Alaska** — The State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) continues to coordinate the response to the 2025 October West Coast Storms, including Typhoon Halong and related storms. A Request for Federal Assistance is under consideration by President Trump. The SEOC remains at Level 4 – Major Incident Response.

Disaster Assistance Centers (DAC) are planned for Anchorage and Bethel. These DACs will assist with and collect applications for state Individual Assistance. More information will be provided once locations are finalized.

As of this afternoon, 840 applications for state Individual Assistance have been received. Survivors in designated disaster areas may register for the State of Alaska's Individual Assistance program:

Online: <a href="https://ready.alaska.gov/ia">https://ready.alaska.gov/ia</a>

By phone: 1-844-445-7131

The program provides financial assistance for damages to primary residences, vehicles, essential personal property, and medical, funeral, or dental needs directly resulting from the declared disaster. Individuals who are impacted by the disaster and are not staying at either shelter in Anchorage are encouraged to register for the state's Individual Assistance program to begin registration for long-term housing assistance.

The Alaska Department of Motor Vehicles in cooperation with the Alaska Department of Health will have a booth at the two shelters in Anchorage to provide access to their services:

### Alaska Airlines Center

Tuesday, October 21, 2025 from 9 am to 5 pm Friday, October 24, 2025 from 12 pm to 5 pm

## Egan Center

Thursday, October 23, 2025 from 9 am to 5 pm

Friday, October 24, 2025 from 9 am to 5 pm

Congregate shelters remain open in Anchorage and Bethel. Additional survivors may be sheltering with neighbors, family, or friends in multiple communities. Last night, a total of 338 individuals were reported sheltering: Egan Center – 178, Alaska Airlines Center – 160.

The SEOC is working to identify the next steps forward to secure safe, warm housing for the winter. "The state and Alaska Housing Finance Corporation is leading the West Coast Storm Housing Task Force. The goal is to work with all partners to get evacuees out of group shelters and into better accommodations, in some cases longer-term temporary housing," said Governor Mike Dunleavy. "Right now, storm survivors are being matched with housing options. We are also working to fix homes so those who can return to their community will be able to do so."

The SEOC is continuing to coordinate with other state, local, and tribal agencies to deliver supplies and needed personnel to the impacted communities; addressing needs as they are presented.

Pets continue to go to shelters in Anchorage and Mat-Su. Capacity is increasing for pets and many are finding foster homes and reunification.

ANTHC is accepting donations of traditional foods at the Alaska Native Medical Center and is providing subsistence-based meals for shelter residents along with medical support.

## **Interagency Partner Operations**

**Alaska National Guard (AKNG):** AKNG has 123 members activated on State Active Duty with additional authorized as needed for disaster response. In cooperation with Alaska Division of Forestry and Fire Prevention, crews are deploying to communities to begin muck out and home repair.

**American Red Cross:** Last night, the Red Cross sheltered 178 individuals at the Egan Center and 160 at the Alaska Airlines Center.

**Anchorage School District (ASD):** There have been 60 students enrolled in the ASD system and school bus service is being provided from the shelters to schools with Yup'ik immersion programs. ASD is continuing to provide bus services between shelters, neighborhood recreation centers, and schools.

Association of Village Council Presidents (AVCP): AVCP is continuing to work with YKHC to conduct detailed community assessments, support home repairs, and coordinate debris removal, and assist with collection of IA applications efforts in affected YK Delta communities. Staff from AVCP are available at the Anchorage shelters to for assistance with Tribal ID cards.

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