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State Transitions to Non-Congregate Sheltering to Enhance Disaster Recovery Efforts

JOINT BASE ELMENDORF RICHARDSON, Alaska — A coordinated effort will be underway this weekend to transition from congregate sheltering to non-congregate sheltering. Residents will be placed in local hotels in the area of Anchorage as they continue in their recovery from the 2025 October West Coast Storm.

Non-congregate sheltering offers a more comfortable, safe, and recovery-oriented environment for disaster survivors — helping them transition more quickly to long-term housing. Non-congregate shelter arrangements will begin with the intention of moving survivors into non-congregate shelter beginning Monday, Oct. 27.

Current shelter residents will be placed in non-congregate shelter first, with those who were evacuated but currently staying with friends and family given assistance after shelters have been decompressed.

If you were evacuated from Western Alaska as a result from the 2025 October West Coast Storm and need sheltering help you can call Non-Congregate Shelter Assistance Line at 907-759-6927, Monday-Saturday 9am-6pm.

Children will remain in the same school system and continue to receive transportation to and from their schools. All efforts are being made to keep extended family and multi-generational family members together in the same hotels. Residents will continue to receive meals three times per day.

Case management staff from FEMA, American Red Cross, and state Individual Assistance will be present at the hotels regularly to provide support and to assist evacuees adjust to their new shelter environment.

This transition prioritizes the safety and privacy of disaster survivors and is a positive step forward in disaster recovery.

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