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## Disaster Assistance Center to Open in Kotzebue

**JOINT BASE ELMENDORF RICHARDSON, Alaska** — A Disaster Assistance Center (DAC) will open in Kotzebue to support individuals and families affected by the 2025 October West Coast Storm. The DAC will operate at the Maniilaq Health Center's Ferguson Building located at 733 2nd Avenue, Kotzebue, Alaska 99752

The center will be open November 10–14, 2025, Monday through Friday, during the following hours: 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The Kotzebue DAC will provide in-person assistance, helping survivors connect with available resources, complete necessary paperwork, and receive guidance on recovery programs and services. Residents impacted by the disaster are encouraged to visit the center during operating hours to receive support and information tailored to their needs.

As a reminder, it is crucial that those who are affected by the recent storms register for both state and federal IA programs and other forms of assistance.

<u>State of Alaska Individual Assistance (IA)</u> – Deadline is December 9, 2025 To register for <u>State of Alaska</u> Individual Assistance: Call 1-844-445-7131, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Or apply online <a href="https://ready.alaska.gov/Recovery/IA">https://ready.alaska.gov/Recovery/IA</a>

**FEMA Individual Assistance (IA)** – Deadline is December 22, 2025 To register for <u>FEMA</u> Individual Assistance: Call 1-866-342-1699, Monday – Sunday, 9 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. Or apply online at <a href="https://disasterassistance.gov">https://disasterassistance.gov</a>

<u>Small Business Administration (SBA)</u> – Deadline is December 22, 2025 SBA offers low interest, long-term disaster loans to homeowners, renters, businesses, and private nonprofits to repair and replace property destroyed by the storms. Call 1-800-659-2955, Monday – Friday 6 a.m. – 4 p.m. Or apply online at <a href="https://sba.gov/disaster">https://sba.gov/disaster</a>

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