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Texas Expands D-SNAP to Three More Counties

AUSTIN – Texas Health and Human Services announced it will roll out disaster food relief for victims of Hurricane Harvey to residents in three additional counties: Victoria and Jackson starting Sept. 28, and Jefferson County starting Oct. 2.

Texas has been offering D-SNAP benefits to counties in a phased approach that began Sept. 13. Texas has had active D-SNAP programs in the majority of the 39 eligible counties. Texas is working with local officials to roll out D-SNAP in the last eligible counties in the coming days.

The Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, commonly known as D-SNAP, provides short-term food benefits for eligible families recovering from a disaster.

For information on all currently approved D-SNAP sites, go to www.hhs.texas.gov/d-snap to find days and hours of operation. Generally, sites are open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. with certain exceptions.

New locations and dates are as follows:

Victoria County Residents

YMCA of the Golden Crescent
1806 N. Nimitz St.
Victoria

Jackson County Residents

There is not a location in Jackson County but residents can apply at the location in Victoria County.

Jefferson County Residents

Central Mall Shopping Center
3100 Highway 365
Port Arthur

Ford Park Complex
5115 Interstate Highway 10
Beaumont

Alphabetical Rollout Details

Applications are being taken based on a rolling alphabetical order. People will need to apply on certain days depending on the first letter of their last name. For detailed instructions, hours and updates, go to www.hhs.texas.gov/d-snap.

For Victoria and Jackson counties, opening Sept. 28:

Date	Last name
Sept. 28	A - C
Sept. 29	D - H
Sept. 30	I - M
Oct. 1	N - R
Oct. 2	S - Z
Oct. 3, 4	Anyone

For Jefferson County, opening Oct. 2:

Date	Last name
Oct. 2	A - C
Oct. 3	D - H
Oct. 4	I - M
Oct. 5	N - R
Oct. 6	S - Z
Oct. 7, 8	Anyone

D-SNAP is available to eligible people who are residents of one of the counties with a federal disaster declaration and weren't receiving benefits through regular SNAP at the time of the disaster. Recipients will be given a Lone Star Card that will be loaded within three days with funds to purchase food from most grocery stores.

Residents of the affected counties may be eligible if they suffered damage to their home or business, loss of income or disaster-related expenses. Disaster-related

expenses can include home repairs, temporary shelter or evacuation expenses.

Households must bring identification when applying for D-SNAP. Common types of verification include a driver's license or other government-issued photo identification.

Eligible households will receive two months of benefits when their cards load. The benefit amount is equivalent to the maximum amount normally issued to a SNAP household of their size, within three days of applying.

If families have been displaced from one of the counties receiving D-SNAP and cannot travel back to their home county, they can go to any local HHS benefits office across the state to apply for D-SNAP during the dates designated for their counties.

Texas has been closely tracking eligibility and approvals for D-SNAP as benefits are delivered. Texas is administering D-SNAP based on federal guidelines and income parameters. Texas has controls in place to ensure benefits are provided to people who meet the requirements outlined by the federal program.

People who purposely provide wrong information to receive disaster benefits may be denied benefits, and legal action may be taken against them.

More Information

People with questions about D-SNAP, including those who have special needs, should dial 2-1-1 and select option 6. For other storm-related services, including shelters, dial 2-1-1 and select option 5. For questions about TANF, Medicaid or CHIP, dial 2-1-1 and select option 2.

To check benefit amounts, recipients can visit YourTexasBenefits.com or call the Lone Star Help Desk at 800-777-7EBT (800-777-7328).

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