Hurricane Michael affected many people along the gulf coast of Florida. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has provided the following information to assist those who have been directly affected by the hurricane.

- **Keep yourself and your family safe.** Return home only if you are told it is safe by local officials. As you clear debris please look carefully around the debris for any visible cables. If you see any cables, wait for professional help. Power cables can kill easily.

- **Don’t be afraid to ask for help.** Register for assistance online at DisasterAssistance.gov if you have damages not covered by insurance. Contact the Disaster Distress Helpline by texting TalkWithUs to 66746 or call 1-800-985-5990 (for Spanish, press 2 or text Hablanos to 66746) to speak with a trained crisis counselor.

- **Practice food and water safety.** Throw out all food left in refrigerators or that came in contact with flood waters. Drinking water may be contaminated so check to see if a boil water order is in effect for your area.

- **Clean up safely.** Return home only if you are told it is safe.

- **Get started on your recovery.** If you have insurance, and it’s safe to return home, call your insurance company to file a claim. Take photos and videos of all damages before you start cleaning up.

- **Send money, not stuff.** Cash can be used immediately in response to a crisis. A financial contribution to a recognized disaster relief organization is the most effective donation to make.

If you are in need of support, your EAP can help. Call your Care Coordinator at 800-245-1150.
Open Shelters
https://www.floridadisaster.org/shelter-status

Hurricane Preparedness and Recovery
▶ http://www.redcross.org/get-help/prepare-for-emergencies/types-of-emergencies/hurricane
▶ https://www.nationwide.com/hurricanes.jsp
▶ https://www.ready.gov/hurricanes
▶ https://weather.com/storms/report-recover
▶ http://hurricanesafety.org/prepare/hurricane-safety-checklists
▶ https://www.redcross.org/content/dam/redcross/atg/PDFs/Preparedness_Disaster_Recovery/Disaster_Preparedness/Disaster_Preparedness_for_Srs-English.revised_7-09.pdf
▶ https://www.aplaceformom.com/planning-and-advice/articles/hurricane-preparedness
▶ https://www.alz.org/help-support/caregiving/safety/in-a-disaster

Google Crisis Map
https://google.org/crisismap/2018-michael

NOAA – National Hurricane Center
https://www.nhc.noaa.gov

Road Closures and Evacuations
For information about road closures you may dial 511 or obtain information online at https://fl511.com.

Local Red Cross Locator
http://www.redcross.org/find-your-local-chapter

Red Cross Smartphone Apps
Apps will update people on current flooding situation and provide information on safety during a disaster.

United Way 2-1-1
2-1-1 Northwest Florida
http://211nwfl.org
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500 C Street Southwest
Washington, DC 20572
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https://www.fema.gov
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FEMA Text Message Program
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Florida Division of Emergency Management
▶ https://www.floridadisaster.org
▶ https://twitter.com/FLSERV

Local Salvation Army Locator
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