

Emergency Evacuation Shelters

Families of children with special health care needs:
Learn more about emergency evacuation shelters and
decide whether they fit into your family's evacuation plan.

An important part of planning for a disaster is knowing where your family will go if you need to evacuate your home. Ideally, plan to go to a place that is comfortable and familiar for your child, such as staying with family or friends outside of the impacted area. In case this isn't an option for your family, emergency evacuation shelters could be opened and may be an option depending on your child's needs.

Frequently Asked Questions about Emergency Evacuation Shelters

Where are they located?

- Shelter locations vary and are determined based on the scale and location of the emergency. A shelter may be a school, municipal building, or other facility.
- Public safety officials will share the locations with as much notice as possible.
- During an emergency, stay tuned to KYW 1060 AM for the latest information, including evacuation routes.



What will be provided at the shelter?

- Food, water, and a safe place to sleep will be provided.
- Shelters can be crowded, noisy, and offer little privacy. Shelters may not be able to offer quiet rooms or rooms with low light.
- Information updates will be provided at the shelter, including when it is safe to return home.

What should we bring with us?

- Your child's [Emergency Information Form](#) (EIF), items that can help reduce noise (e.g. headphones or ear plugs), toys and activities, and items that help comfort your child.
- Your child's medications. Also bring your child's medication list in case you run out as the shelter may be able to help you with emergency medication refills.
- Any medical equipment and supplies you use to care for your child at home (e.g. emergency tube feedings), including back-up energy sources for equipment.
- Food if your child has special dietary needs or preferences.
- Sleeping bags, blankets, pillows, extra clothing, and personal hygiene supplies (soap, diapers, etc.)

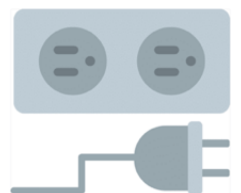


Will there be medical personnel on site?

- Only basic medical care will be provided, including first aid, and checking vital signs.
- If your child relies on a home health aide, they are welcome at the shelter to help with care.

Will there be power or refrigeration?

- Power will be provided and can be used to charge equipment, devices, or back-up batteries.
- Refrigerators will be available for medications that must be kept cold.



Do You Have Additional Questions?

Reach out to your local health department or emergency management agency to learn more about emergency evacuation shelters in your area and whether they should be part of your family's evacuation plan.