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Red Cross**

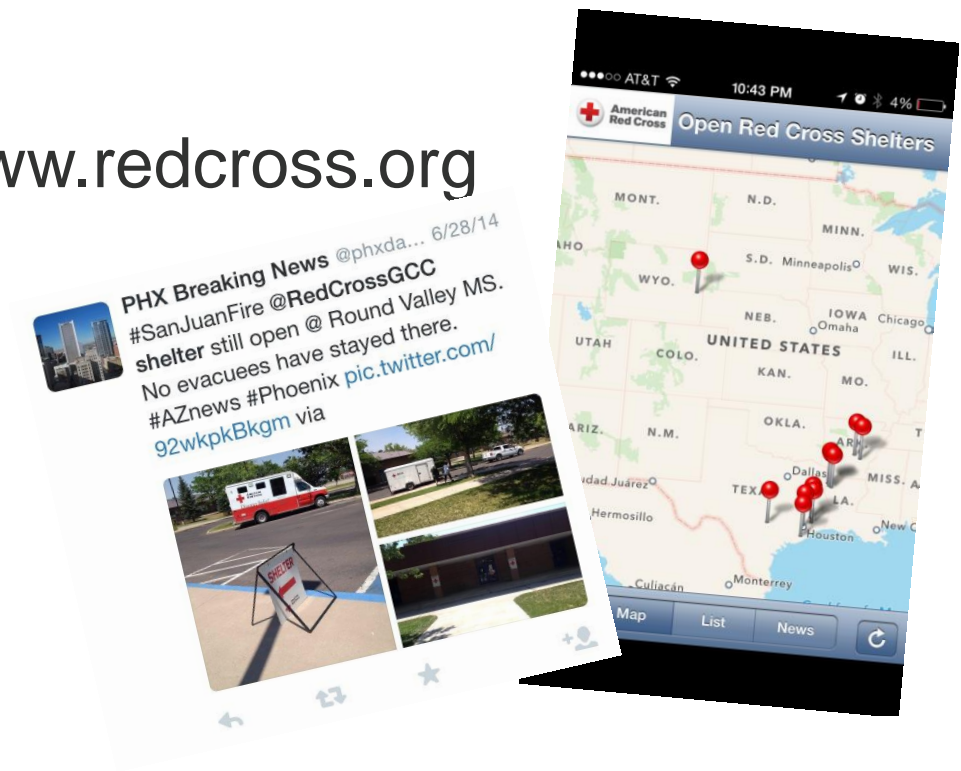
What can you really expect when
visiting a shelter?

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Shelter Notification

How is the public informed of a shelter opening?

- Traditional print & broadcast media
- Social media
- Red Cross website – www.redcross.org
- Official notifications



Arriving at the Shelter

- Shelter Registration
 - Only completed for those who plan to stay overnight
 - Basic information about shelter residents
- Registration Intake
 - Series of yes/no questions that help registration in identifying and obtaining assistance and supplies for shelter residents
- CMIST Worksheet
 - Completed by a Licensed Health Services Worker
 - Covers possible considerations for scenarios of access and functional needs

Shelter Life

- Access & Functional Needs can be accommodated in all aspects of shelter life including:
 - Dormitory
 - Meals & Snacks
 - Personal Needs
- The shelter is a temporary home for individuals & families affected by disaster.
- Shelter staff are available 24/7 to assist clients



Transitioning Back Home

Caseworkers help families who need help transitioning back home identify needed resources.

Shelters don't close until all disaster clients have a safe place to stay



Service Animals in Shelters



Service animals
are **ALWAYS**
welcome in Red
Cross shelters.

Unaccompanied Minors in Shelters



The Red Cross has specific guidance for handling unaccompanied minors in shelters, including contacting parents, law enforcement and assigning two adults to accompany child while in the shelter

What are your questions about Red Cross emergency shelters?



Contact Us!

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