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Disaster Food Assistance to be Issued Due to Flooding in Southeast Kansas

DCF to distribute benefits immediately

Topeka - In response to the devastating flooding in southeast Kansas, the Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) will offer disaster food assistance to residents of Elk, Miami, Montgomery, Neosho and Wilson Counties. Only counties that have received Presidential Disaster Declarations for Individual Assistance qualify for disaster food assistance.

“We are prepared and ready to help Kansans affected by this disaster.” said Governor Kelly.

Application Period:

Applications will be accepted for seven business days, beginning Monday, July 9 through Tuesday, July 17.

Benefit Period:

The disaster benefit period begins on the date of the disaster and continues for 30 days. Therefore, the benefit period began June 26 and will end July 25.

Application Eligibility:

Individuals who lived in the approved counties or those who worked in the disaster areas and have lost wages are eligible. Food assistance will be issued on a Kansas Benefits Card that will be activated upon approval. In most cases, this can be done instantly, but may take up to 24 hours. DCF continues to offer alternative assistance to residents of the following counties: Allen, Anderson, Bourbon, Butler, Chautauqua, Cherokee, Coffey, Cowley, Franklin, Greenwood, Linn, Osage, and Woodson.

Replacement of Food Assistance Benefits:

DCF will issue replacement of food assistance benefits to cover the loss of food from the flooding. Individuals must apply within 10 days of the loss and complete an affidavit of food loss to receive replacement benefits.

Supplemental Food Assistance Benefits:

Households that received food assistance benefits at the time of the disaster will receive individual supplements that raise their July allotment to the maximum for household size. Households must file an affidavit attesting that they have lost income or incurred disaster-related expenses.

“We have staff ready to help, DCF will do whatever we can to ensure Kansans have access to disaster relief programs.” said DCF Secretary Howard.

Individuals can receive more information and apply for services at the disaster recovery centers, Red Cross emergency shelters, or at any DCF office. For more information call toll-free 1-888-369-4777.

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