




MEMORANDUM

Date: June 14, 2021

To: The Honorable Chair and Members
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: C.H. Huckelberry 
County Administrator

Re: **Cooling Stations and/or Emergency Shelters to Provide Shelter During Heat Emergencies**

The Emergency Management and Homeland Security Office has developed agreements with agencies to provide emergency shelters in the event of an emergency that displaces individuals from their homes. Such could simply be a power outage during excessive heat or a fire, flood or other activity. The most likely activity would either be a power loss in event of a heat emergency or flash floods due to the upcoming Monsoon Season.

Critical partnership in this effort is with the American Red Cross Tucson Chapter. With these partnerships, we have identified 50 locations throughout the County for emergency shelter. Further details can be found in the attached memorandum.

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Attachment

c: Jan Leshar, Chief Deputy County Administrator
Carmine DeBonis, Jr., Deputy County Administrator for Public Works
Francisco García, MD, MPH, Deputy County Administrator & Chief Medical Officer,
Health and Community Services
Shane Clark, Director, Office of Emergency Management



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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Date: June 10, 2021

To: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

From: Shane Clark
Director

Re: Shelter resources available to support emergencies

Per our conversation on 6/9/21 during our Administrator – Director update, a topic of discussion was the ability to coordinate emergency shelters in the event of an emergency that has displaced citizens. I provided you a shelter overview and the critical partnership between the County, the Tucson Chapter of the American Red Cross (ARC), and many community partners. This memo addresses specific information you requested.

Each of the sites listed below have a signed Red Cross Facility Use Agreement (FUA). This allows for immediate activation and use of facility during an emergency. This enables our ARC partners to provide personnel and services to our community as quickly as possible. These partnerships have resulted in over fifty (50) locations identified across Pima County. Critical partners include:

1. Altar Valley Unified School District
2. Amphitheater Unified School District
3. Arivaca Community Center
4. Catalina Foothills Unified School District
5. City of Tucson
6. Continental Unified School District
7. Flowing Wells Unified School District
8. Marana Unified School District
9. Oro Valley Church of the Nazarene
10. Pantano Christian Church
11. Pima County Fairgrounds
12. Sahuarita Unified School District
13. Sunnyside Unified School District
14. Tanque Verde Lutheran Church
15. Tanque Verde Unified School District
16. Tucson Unified School District
17. University of Arizona
18. Vail Unified School District

A portion of these potential locations are Pima County facilities under control of Natural

Resources, Parks, and Recreation Department, Pima County Fairgrounds, and Kino Stadium District. They include:

1. Ajo Community Center
2. Catalina Recreation Center
3. Drexel Heights Community Center
4. Ellie Towne Flowing Wells Community Center
5. Pima County Fairgrounds
6. Kino Sports Complex
7. Littletown Community Center
8. Mount Lemmon Community Center
9. Picture Rocks Community Center
10. Rillito Park Race Track
11. Southeast Regional Park Shooting Range

There are limitations. Traditionally the ARC can support two locations immediately with trained and dedicated responders. The ARC/Tucson Chapter supports requests from across Southern Arizona and availability is based on other assignments. During the current COVID crisis, we already have processes in place between ARC, PCOEM, and PCHD to provide resources to ARC shelters upon request to ensure safety to workers and citizens.

I applaud the efforts and amount of coordination that was required between the Red Cross and the agencies listed and appreciate their obligation to commit a facility(ies) at a time when they will be needed most which is during the emergency that has impacted our community and provide to citizens in need a place to seek shelter, food, water, critical information, and other services.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

c: Jan Leshner, Chief Deputy County Administrator
Sandra Espinoza, Operations Manager, Office of Emergency Management