As Tropical Storm Harvey continues to batter eastern Texas and southwest Louisiana, life safety and access to safe shelters remain a priority of local responders, Texas officials, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and the entire federal family.

More than 230 shelters are currently open across the affected and surrounding areas. Under the guidance of local authorities and the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, these shelters are providing a safe, temporary refuge for evacuees and emergency personnel.

Shelters are equipped with essential services such as food, water, and medical supplies. Residents are advised to check with local authorities for specific shelter locations and availability.

In addition to shelters, immediate assistance is available in the form of mobile apps and online resources. The FEMA mobile app, available in English and Spanish, offers a customizable checklist of emergency supplies, disaster survival tips, and weather alerts from the National Weather Service. It also enables users to receive push notifications reminding them to take important steps to prepare their homes and families for disasters.

For more information or to find shelter locations, residents can visit the FEMA website or contact local emergency management offices.

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