

HURRICANE HARVEY REGISTRY



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OVERVIEW:

The Hurricane Harvey Registry is a research study measuring the overall impact of Hurricane Harvey on our community a year after the storm dropped more than 275 trillion tons of water on the Greater Houston region. This study is a joint venture of Chambers County, Environmental Defense Fund (EDF), Fort Bend County, Harris County Public Health Department, Houston Health Department, Montgomery County and Rice University.

After 9/11, the World Trade Center Health Registry was established to monitor the health of people directly exposed to the 9/11 World Trade Center disaster. This registry was instrumental in bringing relief, resources, and intervention to the region.

Similarly, the Hurricane Harvey Registry is a first-in-the-nation response that will better inform local, state and national stakeholders about specific needs of the region by

measuring the long-term impact in the aftermath of a major natural disaster. For more information on the Registry and to take the survey, please see: <https://harveyregistry.rice.edu/>.

PURPOSE:

The historic storm displaced tens of thousands and led to contaminated water, extensive flooding and devastating property damage. The teams behind the Registry seek to understand Hurricane Harvey's toll on Houstonians' physical and mental health, to develop plans to reduce risks to public health from future storms. Houston residents are asked to take a Registry survey to provide information on their health, location, and exposure. To reach as many individuals as possible to participate in this study, the groups are seeking partnerships with organizations and leaders throughout effected communities to obtain more pledges for survey completions.

FAQs:

What is the Harvey Registry looking to accomplish?

- To understand the housing, physical health, mental health and quality of life based impacts of Hurricane Harvey so that Texas and the nation can be better prepared for future storms.

What is the Registry's current outreach strategy?

- We **build meaningful relationships** across the region with policymakers and government agencies, nonprofit organizations, independent school districts and other community stakeholders.
- We **earn trust** by remaining transparent and by contextualizing the Harvey Registry within the larger concerns about hurricane preparedness and recovery.
- We **remain visible** by maintaining a visible social media presence, attending large scale and sports events, conducting door to door outreach, local community meetings and other major events.

How does the Registry work to maintain successful data security and storage?

- The Registry survey runs from secure HIPPA compliant web servers. Survey data is encrypted before being sent to secure folders on the Kinder Institute Urban Data Platform (UDP). The data is secured, restricted, cleaned and analyzed within UDP's secure computing environment

What makes the Hurricane Harvey Registry different?

- Long term interest in providing relief through data-informed research.
- Transparency that empowers residents and builds trust in communities.
- Collaborative efforts to capture the entire spectrum of Harvey experiences.
- Our collaboration is committed to engaging the entire Harvey impacted region—including counties far beyond the Houston metro area.