

Creighton University School of Medicine

Medical Education Program Policies

POLICY: Inclement Weather Policy

GOVERNING BODY: Educational Program Committee

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to outline procedures to be used in the event of the University experiencing an inclement weather day or an environmental emergency.

POLICY

The decision to suspend, curtail, or delay the academic activities at a Creighton University campus is specific to that campus.

1. Suspending or Delaying Operations

During severe weather (e.g., winter storms) or an environmental emergency, the decision to suspend or delay opening the University will be made as early as possible. Bluecast, synchronous virtual, asynchronous virtual, or other mandatory sessions will be substituted for suspended or delayed live activities where feasible. Students will not report to their clinical activity (including non-Creighton facilities) while the University is closed. Students are expected to resume their clinical activities once the University has resumed operations. Students are advised to listen to newscasts on mornings with severe weather conditions. Students may also check the University Weather Hotline, call (402) 280-5800, or check email communications or CU ALERT TEXT messages to determine the operational status of the school.

2. Curtailing Operations

If severe weather or an environmental emergency situation develops during the school or clinic day and creates conditions that warrant the curtailing of University operations, notifications will be sent out to the medical education program community through email communications or CU ALERT TEXT. Bluecast, synchronous virtual, asynchronous virtual, or other mandatory sessions will be substituted for curtailed live activities where feasible.

PROCEDURE

1. Weather Hot Line

Medical students can access the Creighton University Weather Hot Line (402) 280-5800 to determine the status of University operations. The recording will indicate whether the University is operating under normal conditions or suspending, curtailing, or delaying operations.

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SCOPE

Students enrolled in the Medical Education Program.

ADMINISTRATION AND INTERPRETATION

The Office of Student Affairs is responsible for the administration of this policy. Please forward questions to the Associate Dean of Student Affairs.

AMENDMENT

This policy may be amended by majority vote of the School of Medicine Medical Education Program Educational Program Committee.