



Eastern Kentucky University

Policy and Regulation Library

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Responsible Office(s): Office of the Provost

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Cancellation or Delay of Classes

Statement

The Eastern Kentucky University ("University" or "EKU") Severe Weather Plan provides general guidance, organizational structure, and direction on readiness, response, and communication for a severe weather event, including basic procedures, resources, and guidance in preparing for and responding to severe weather. Given existing weather conditions or the forecasted high probability of a severe weather event that may threaten human safety on campus, the Weather Assessment Team will notify the campus community that operations will either continue as normal operations if the risk is mitigated, fully remotely (Plan A), or fully canceled/suspended (Plan B).

Normal Operations: Even though a severe weather event has occurred, steps have been taken to mitigate barriers, and conditions are determined safe to proceed with normal, routine, in-person academic instruction and university operations.

Plan A: University operations and in-person instruction will transition to remote/virtual instruction for the day. For those classes that cannot shift to remote/virtual instruction, instructors should advise students as to appropriate measures, make-up activities, or revised deadlines. Students performing internship or clinical assignments should follow the rules imposed by the site-based supervisor. Online instruction is unaffected.

Plan B: Due to severe weather conditions that may threaten human safety on campus and/or significant damage to university infrastructure, in-person as well as remote/virtual instruction are unavailable. The ability for employees to work remotely is significantly prohibited or unavailable. Online and eCampus instruction is unavailable; all classes are canceled, and university operations, including Model Laboratory School and Regional Campuses, are suspended until further notice.

Communication Plan

The Communications and Brand Management Office will notify the campus community in a timely manner of any delay or suspension of university operations during a severe weather event or other emergency.

The Communications and Brand Management Office will utilize the following channels to distribute information and communicate with students, faculty, and staff:

- Rave alerts
- Media notification – Television, radio, etc.
- Website homepage banner (eku.edu)
- Social media graphics and posts
 - Public Safety Line: 859-622-BADW (2239)

The communications team will push all weather-related information to ECU Weather as it becomes available. For each plan, an update on the status of classes and university operations will be provided no later than 7 a.m. each morning.

Entities Affected

- Colleges
- Departments
- Faculty
- Students

Relevant Links

- [EKU Severe Weather Plan](#)

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