

Inclement Weather Policy

Part 1:

It is the policy of the Wake Forest School of Medicine to remain open and continue operations unless otherwise determined by the Dean of the Wake Forest School of Medicine. Classes and activities will be held when the school is open. In the event of inclement weather conditions that may result in hazardous driving conditions, students and PA Program faculty and staff are encouraged to call (336) 716-4356 and press "4" to hear a recorded message on class schedule status (delayed classes or cancellations). An attempt will be made to have the message available by 6:30 a.m. If there is no weather message, you may assume that classes will be on schedule.

Even if classes and clerkship activities are being held, students are urged not to travel under unsafe conditions or to take unnecessary risks. Any student who is unable to attend class or other activities because of inclement weather should notify his or her preceptor, course director, advisor and/or appropriate Preclinical or Clinical Administrative Team.

Part 2: What you should know that isn't stated in the policy:

1. The Medical Center runs by a different set of rules than the main campus – if the Reynolda campus closes that doesn't affect you or me.
2. As suggested above, the Medical Center will rarely announce an official closing (sick people in the hospital, and people who drive 200 miles to be seen in clinics, would really be distressed if all the medical providers went home when the snow started to fall, and there are amazing logistic problems with closing "part of " the Medical Center, so things just generally stay open)

Summary of what to do on bad weather days:

1. Make a wise decision that emphasizes your own safety.
2. If you cannot make it in, contact someone on your team (faculty, advisor, staff) to let them know.
3. Check your e-mail first to see if a cancellation has been announced.
4. Call (336) 716-4356 and press "4" to hear a recorded message on cancellations.
5. Even if there are no announced postponements, make a wise decision that emphasizes your own safety above all else.