Severe Cold Response Plans

BARRINGTON 220
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Wind-Chills
-30°F or less
AND
Wind-Speeds
10 mph or greater
OR
Actual Temperature
-15°F or less

Wind-Chill Warning

Schools will be closed under the condition of a wind-chill warning. A wind-chill warning indicates that life-threatening conditions and a risk of safety exists. Measures should be taken to safeguard life and property immediately. A wind-chill warning is typically issued when the wind-chill will be -30°F or colder and the winds are greater than or equal to 10 mph OR the actual temperature is -15°F.

Severe Cold School Closure Day: Wind-Chill Warning

- Classes will be cancelled and school closure protocols will be instituted
- All notification systems will be leveraged to send school cancellation communications to families
- Extracurricular activities will be suspended

Wind-Chills
-20°F to -29°F
AND
Wind-Speeds
10 mph or greater
OR
Actual Temperature
-5°F to -14°F

Wind-Chill Advisory

A wind-chill advisory is issued when conditions do not meet the wind-chill warning criteria but still cause significant inconvenience. The weather during a wind-chill advisory is not life-threatening but presents conditions that may result in inconveniences or pose moderate risk to safety. A wind-chill advisory is typically issued when the wind chill is -20°F or colder AND the winds are greater or equal to 10 mph.

Severe Cold Action Day: Wind-Chill Advisory

Before School

- Schools will be open and student attendance is expected
- Buses will pick up all student walkers regardless of route assignment
- Fire and Police will be notified prior to the start of the school day of the Severe Cold Action Day designation

During School

- School administrators will be given authority to keep students in the building in the event of a fire alarm and will relocate students to a safe location within the building. In the event of an evacuation, administrators will institute parallel evacuation protocols to return students to a safe interior location
- All off-campus activities will be suspended (this includes but is not limited to: all off-site daytime programs, field trips and work programs)
- Scheduled student transports between buildings will be assessed
- All outside student activities will be suspended
- Schools involved in pool-related activities will not dress
- All lab-based activities that have the potential to cause fire or smoke alarm activation will be reevaluated or rescheduled. Communication and coordination with the impacted departments will be conducted by building administration
- Students will be allowed to keep outerwear with them while in the building
- Schools will make announcements to provide access to donated outerwear to all students

After School

- Extracurricular activities will be evaluated and may be suspended if conditions persist

NOTE: The National Weather Service (NWS) will be the primary meterological source to determine and declare a wind-chill warning or wind-chill advisory. Information provided by Mr. Paul Sirvatka, Professor of meterology, forecasting, weather analysis, climatology, atmospheric sciences and severe and unusual weather at the College of DuPage. Dr. Alexander Means MD is the Chief Resident from the University of Chicago's Department of Dermatology