UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA

WINTER WEATHER PLAN

In the event severe winter weather conditions are predicted by the National Weather Service or observed by the University Police Supervisor, the UND Operations Center Supervisor on duty shall be notified by the Operations Center Specialist. An e-mail detailing the information will then be sent to the Severe Weather Watch/Warning Notification Listing to notify the recipients of the existing and predicted weather conditions. The UND Emergency Management Coordinator or designee has the authority to make decisions for the University under the authority of the Vice President for Finance and Operations.

The following are considered severe weather conditions:

CONDITION A:  0” – 1” SNOW AND ICY CONDITIONS
CONDITION B:  1” – 4” SNOW
CONDITION C:  4” SNOW OR MORE, STRONG WINDS AND GREATLY REDUCED VISIBILITY
CONDITION D:  STRONG WINDS AND GREATLY REDUCED VISIBILITY
PRIORITY:  In the best judgment of the Office on Duty, conditions warrant severe weather response.

In the event that weather conditions reach a state defined as condition C (or the National Weather Service issues predictions to equal these conditions), the UND Emergency Management Coordinator or designee will be notified to implement further steps in the Severe Weather Plan.

Each storm is unique and as a result, one set procedure cannot be established to determine what will be done with a particular storm situation. The operational status of UND is then determined by considering a combination of some or all of the following conditions:

A. Amount of snow equals 4” or more
B. Winds of 35+ mph
C. Visibility of less than a quarter of a mile
D. Wind chill of 50+ degrees below zero
E. Duration of the storm
F. Previous snowfall
G. Conditions of City and UND streets, parking lots, area highways, city bus service and street maintenance operations.

After an assessment of the above, the Operations Center Supervisor will consider on of the following options:

A. The University Will remain open
B. Classes will be canceled for a portion of the day
C. Classes will be cancelled for the whole day
D. The University will close

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In all situations, the Executive Committee or representative is to be notified of the weather status prior to 05:00 hours so that coordination activities can be handled. Operational status changes of the University are announced through the local media by 6:30am, notifications via NotiFind and Blackboard Connect, posts to the UND websites, telephone by dialing 777-6700, and on the electronic sign at the Chester Fritz Auditorium. Changes due to storms that develop during the daytime hours will also be broadcast through the local media and other University communication networks.

Essential personnel will remain on duty during severe weather conditions to provide services necessary to meet contract obligations, monitor research projects, provide for safety and security, and other interests of the institution.

Special events such as concerts, athletic games, etc. will take place unless cancelled by the sponsoring entity. Special weather announcements will be provided to those attending.