

SEVERE WEATHER DECISION MAKING PROCEDURES

General Policy Statement: The closure of the Indiana State University campus is expected to be a rare event. It is the intent to base the decision primarily on the conditions in the immediate vicinity of campus. Faculty and staff at a distance must make individual decisions regarding the wisdom of commuting under severe weather conditions.

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1. If severe weather is forecasted for the following day, the Director of Public Safety will contact the Provost or his/her alternate by 10 p.m.
2. At 4 a.m., the Director of Public Safety will check the Weather Channel and/or National Weather service for an updated forecast.
3. If the situation warrants, the Director of Public Safety will contact:
 - Paul Lindeman Facilities Management-Grounds
 - State Police (road info)
 - Vigo County Sheriff Dept.
 - Vigo County School Corporation Support & Transportation
 - Ernie Meeks T.H. Street Dept Commissioner 812-230-7447
 - Bryan Driskill T.H. Street Dept Lead Foreman 812-236-9631
 - Orvel Woolard T.H. Street Dept Foreman 812-249-9020
 - Jeff Crabill T.H. Street Dept. Foreman 812-239-6432
 - Dorene Hojnicky, Vigo County Emergency Management
 - Bryan Duncan and Jim Jensen, ISU Facilities Management
4. The Director of Public Safety and the Provost will confer following these contacts and reach a recommendation regarding facility closure. This recommendation will be based on:
 - the amount of snow/ice both on the ground and predicted
 - the wind conditions that are accompanying the precipitation
 - the time of day the weather event occurs
 - the road conditions on campus as well as throughout the City and County
 - the ability of our Grounds crew as well as City and County highway departments to keep roads passable
 - whether a state of emergency has been declared in Vigo County closing all roads
5. The Provost will phone the President and advise of the recommendation.
6. The Provost will inform University Communications of the President's decision.
7. In the event the University is closed the VPMMC will arrange for the following individuals and offices to be contacted by Media Relations who will also notify the appropriate media outlets:

- ISU Information Line 237-7777
- Campus Switchboard 237-6311
- Information Center 237-3999
- Public Safety 237-5555
- H.R. Ex. Director Richard Enyard
- Teresa Exline
- Santhana Naidu

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Recommendations regarding possible campus closure will be based on:

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