University of Illinois
College of Medicine at Urbana-Champaign

Emergency and Extreme Weather Conditions Policy

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Office of Campus Emergency Planning provides "operative guidance for the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign's mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery actions...[for] emergencies and/or disasters...." In all situations the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Urbana-Champaign will follow the Campus Emergency Operations Plan as outlined by the Office of Campus Emergency Planning as well as the Building Emergency Action Plan for the Medical Sciences Building (building #0192). As leader of the Campus Emergency Operations Core Group the Chancellor, in collaboration with the Division of Public Safety and specifically the Emergency Planning Lieutenant, has overall authority to lead and direct the response to all emergency situations.

In situations of severe weather it can take time for the Chancellor to evaluate the situation and to make a decision about campus operations. While waiting for that decision, the Regional Dean (or his/her designee) may direct the Assistant Director of Communications to send an email to all College of Medicine students, faculty, and staff reminding them that the College of Medicine will adhere to the decision of the Chancellor, and directing them to monitor the main College of Medicine at Urbana-Champaign web page for information. The Assistant Director of Communications will then continue to post updated information on the web page. Such messages will make clear that cancellation of classes for College of Medicine students also means the Regional Dean has determined College of Medicine clinical students are NOT to report for clinical experiences.

The College of Medicine does not follow the semester schedule for the majority of the Urbana campus, often beginning the fall and spring semesters weeks before the rest of campus. This can lead to situations when cancelling of classes is not a concern for most of campus but must be addressed by the College of Medicine. In these situations it is the responsibility of the Regional Dean (or his/her designee) to consult directly with the Chancellor or with the Chancellor's designee to determine if College of Medicine classes should be cancelled, and to then communicate that decision to the Assistant Director of Communications to proceed as above.

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