

**College of Allied Health Professions (CAHP)  
Inclement Weather Policy: Campus/ Location Closure**

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1. UNMC, as a health sciences center, has a number of activities that must be kept operational regardless of weather conditions. These include activities that directly and indirectly support patient care at the hospital and clinics, as well as many research and educational functions. Because so many employees must report, regardless of the weather, the determination has been made for the entire campus to be considered open and operational, even when other University of Nebraska campuses and area businesses may be closed. (UNMC Inclement Weather Policy, retrieved June 26, 2020 from [https://wiki.unmc.edu/index.php/Employee\\_Leave#Inclement\\_Weather](https://wiki.unmc.edu/index.php/Employee_Leave#Inclement_Weather)).
2. Students at alternate campus locations (e.g., Kearney) will comply with the directions of the Administration of those locations regarding weather-related closing. If one of the locations officially closes due to inclement weather, students will not be allowed to attend courses at that location, for safety reasons.
3. Communication Process: When a weather-related closure is announced, the designated administrator will communicate such information with CAHP Deans, Directors and the CAHP faculty based at the location of closure. Departmental/ Division/ Program Directors will then communicate the closure with respective Program Faculty and students; and Program Faculty members (Course Coordinators) will then communicate with students the instructions specific to the courses affected by the closure.
4. There may be times when Course Coordinators / individual faculty members must make a decision about classes or clinical experiences when conditions deteriorate, but there is **no official closure announced**. In such event, CAHP faculty members must make a judgment as to whether the class or clinical experience will proceed as planned. In making these decisions, faculty should maintain student safety as the priority.
  - a. In the event that a faculty member makes the decision to cancel class or clinical, he/ she is responsible for notifying his/ her students, the clinical area involved (if appropriate), and the appropriate Program Director, and appropriate administrative personnel at the site of closing (e.g., CAHP Assistant Dean at Health Science Education Complex).
  - b. The faculty members/ Course Coordinators are responsible for arranging rescheduled completion of class or clinical experience.
5. Program-specific policies will address processes concerning clinical rotations any make-up sessions for classes or clinical rotations cancelled.