Inclement Weather Accessibility

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Responsible University Office:
Office of the President

Responsible University Administrator:
Assistant to the Chief of Staff

During inclement weather the Commerce campus and/or off-campus sites may be closed if the current environment or predictions indicate unsafe conditions. A decision to close the university applies to all facilities and services on the Commerce campus, with a few exceptions (e.g., the university police department, web manager offices, the university radio station) that must remain open and secure.

Facilities where livestock are housed must remain accessible and secure with full access to essential/assigned personnel responsible for the feeding, care, and general husbandry of the animals. Facilities where research is ongoing must remain accessible and secure with full access to essential personnel as assigned by the dean of the responsible college in consultation with the relevant department head. Any other department or facility must have specific approval from the president to open during a university-wide closing.

In the interest of maintaining a safe and secure environment, faculty members who are not essential/assigned personnel must remain off campus during weather related university-wide closings.

Information on campus-wide closings is disseminated via email, phone, and text through the Pride Alert Warning System (PAWS); on the university main webpage; and on the university radio station, KETR 88.9 FM. See Emergency Notification Resources in Section VII of this handbook for instructions on how to register for PAWS.