

ECU – Brody School of Medicine Inclement Weather Policy and Procedures for Students

The University will announce changes in class schedules due to inclement weather by 7:00 a.m. Please note that the appropriate procedure varies based on the factors outlined below. Student attendance shall not be required or otherwise encouraged outside of university policy. Any questions may be directed to the BSOM Office of Student Affairs.

Monday – Friday

Announcement made PRIOR to class/clinical duties

- The classroom and clinical teaching schedule of the Brody School of Medicine will follow that of East Carolina University. Delay or cancellation of ECU classes includes cancellation of the School of Medicine **classroom and clinical** teaching schedules.

Announcement made DURING class/clinical duties

- Students shall be excused from classroom or clinical duties as specified in the announcement.
- The Office of Student Affairs staff will email all students and place notifications at strategic locations throughout the building (e.g. classroom doors, building entry, etc.). M3 & M4 students will be notified by clerkship coordinators and if possible via the pager system.

Announcement NOT YET made: Students with clinical duties prior to 7 AM or after 5 PM

- Clinical students reporting prior to 7:00 AM or after 5:00 PM (outside of university operating hours) should consider whether they may be at risk for hazardous traveling conditions. If the student deems that traveling conditions are unsafe:
 - Students with clinical duties **prior to 7 AM** are not required to report until 8 AM.
 - Students with clinical duties **after 5 PM (“on-call”)** should go home by 11 PM.
- This policy applies even if the university operates on a normal schedule. However, students **MUST** call the department they are working with if they delay reporting due to hazardous travel conditions.
- Please note that the above procedure applies **ONLY** when an announcement has not yet been made. In the event that an announcement has already been made, students shall adhere to the appropriate policy as outlined under the first heading of this section labeled “Announcement made PRIOR to class/clinical duties.”

Weekends (Saturday/Sunday)

Closings and Delays affecting clinical students over the weekend

- In the event of an inclement weather situation, M3 and M4 students **MUST** call their Clerkship Director and/or their designee (Preceptor, Chief Resident, etc) if they are unable to report for clinical duties on Saturday or Sunday as there will be no official ECU announcements on weekends.

Off-Site Clinical Students

Because of the unique nature of the clinical learning experience, students who are working at off-campus sites will adhere to the weather policy governed by that particular site (Hospital, Preceptor, Private Clinic, etc.). Students working in areas not affected by adverse weather MUST report as normal.

Announcement Resources

In the event of inclement weather, look for announcements using the following resources.

- Access the East Carolina University Web Page
 - <http://www.ecu.edu/alert/>
 - In the event of severe weather, this page will contain an “Adverse Weather” link to the latest announcements concerning campus operation.
- Call ECU Emergency Hotline
 - 252-328-0062
- ECU E-mail Accounts
- ECU ALERT Text Message/Email System
- Mobile Resources for Weather Warnings
 - <http://www.ecu.edu/cs-ecu/alert/mobilealert.cfm>