



Weather Related Closing Information and Procedures

WARNING

The highest level of local travel advisory, means that travel may be restricted to emergency management workers only. During a "warning" local travel advisory, individuals are directed to:

- refrain from all travel;
- comply with necessary emergency measures;
- cooperate with public officials and disaster services forces in executing emergency operations plans;
- obey and comply with the lawful directions of properly identified officers.

WATCH

Means that conditions are threatening to the safety of the public. During a "watch" local travel advisory, only essential travel, such as to and from work or in emergency situations, is recommended, and emergency action plans should be implemented by businesses, schools, government agencies, and other organizations.

ADVISORY

The lowest level of local travel advisory, means that routine travel or activities may be restricted in areas because of a hazardous situation, and individuals should use caution or avoid those areas.

In the case of bad weather (ice, snow, thunderstorm, etc.):

- ⇒ A Hope Center (AHC) will automatically close if there is WATCH or WARNING, when all non-essential vehicles are to remain off the roads. Announcements will be placed through WOWO radio, WANE-TV, and ABC 21 Alive WPTA as well as our own social media.
- ⇒ **Cancelling classes**: A decision will be made at least an hour prior to any educational classes that may be cancelled due to deteriorating weather conditions.
- ⇒ **Volunteers**: AHC desires for each volunteer to use discernment regarding their own personal safety in deciding whether to come in on bad weather days that have an ADVISORY level. If you are unable to come in for your shift, please contact the center directly.
- ⇒ Closing determination will come from Indiana Department of Homeland Security Country Travel Status Map found here: <http://www.in.gov/ai/appfiles/dhs-countyMap/dhsCountyMap.html>

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