

**MARSHALL UNIVERSITY JOAN C. EDWARDS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE  
INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY**

Whenever by action of the University President (or his/her designee), official announcements are made that classes are delayed or canceled due to inclement weather, educational and clinical experiences for all medical students will be amended accordingly. If, for example, the University issues a two-hour delay, the medical school class and rotation schedules will also be delayed; if the University cancels classes, the School of Medicine classes will also be canceled. Because it is the premise of the University that regularly scheduled hours begin at 8:00 a.m., classes normally scheduled from 8- 10:00 a.m. will not meet: classes meeting from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. will only meet from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m., thus absorbing the two-hour delay. All classes meeting thereafter on that day will not be affected.

During times when main campus is not in session, such as semester break, and medical school courses/clerkships are being conducted the administration of the JCESOM may choose to delay or cancel classes. Delays or cancellations will be posted on the Office of Medical Education website.

While it is the policy that every reasonable effort must be made to meet classroom responsibilities, students and faculty will work together to develop a mechanism to make up what was missed.

Administrative and support staff will adhere to the regular MU inclement weather policy.

Because clinical students serve in an apprenticeship/ relationship with physicians in the care of patients, these students will be expected to make every effort to meet their responsibilities. However, in the case of inclement weather, clinical students shall not be penalized for adhering to the inclement weather policy announced by the University. Furthermore, students on rural, out-of-state, or out-of-Huntington area electives are expected to contact the local preceptors and/or Rural Health Education Partnership (RHEP) site coordinators for appropriate instruction. Local preceptors shall have the authority to cancel or delay educational and clinical activities for the student(s) due to inclement weather.

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