

MARSHALL UNIVERSITY
JOAN C. EDWARDS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
Inclement Weather Policy

I. Introduction

The policy of the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine instructs all medical students, in the event of inclement weather, on expectations of communication and responsibilities in Preclerkship and Clinical Clerkship Curriculum.

II. Policy Statement

- 1. Preclerkship Curriculum:** Medical students enrolled in the Preclerkship curriculum are expected to follow action of the University President (or his/her designee) when announcements are made that classes are delayed or canceled due to inclement weather. Educational experiences will be amended accordingly. If, for example, the University issues a two-hour delay, the medical school class schedule will also be delayed; if the University cancels classes, the Preclerkship classes will also be cancelled.

During times when main campus is not in session, such as semester break and medical school/clerkships are being conducted, the administration of the JCESOM may choose to delay or cancel classes. Delays or cancellations will be communicated immediately via JCESOM email and/or Doc Halo system.

- 2. Clinical Clerkship Curriculum:** Because clinical students serve in an apprenticeship relationship with physicians in the care of patients, these students are 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. Any clinical student who decides they are unable to attend a clinical assignment due to inclement weather and an announcement has been made by the University, is expected to immediately communicate via Doc Halo and email the Clerkship Director and Coordinator their inability to report.

Any clinical student who decides they are unable to attend a clinical assignment and the University is open, will be noted as absent for that day. Per the attendance policy, all absentees are reported to the Office of Student Affairs for recording purposes.

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