

# UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

## Inclement Weather Policy

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### **POLICY STATEMENT:**

The administration of each campus decides when that campus is closed due to inclement weather. Closure indicates that classes and scheduled meetings are cancelled. Since weather conditions will vary across the state, clerkship students on the three campuses will follow the schedules dictated by those campuses.

In the event that the school is closed, faculty and students with clinical responsibilities are professionally obligated to provide that care even during inclement weather. **Students on clinical services are expected to continue to provide care for their patients, provided traveling would not place the student at serious risk of injury. Students should consult with their resident and physician supervisors to determine the risks/benefits involving travel during these periods.** Students who are unable to travel to the rotation sites should contact preceptors as soon as possible to advise them of the individual situation and whether the student could reach the site later in the day.

### **UT Health Science Center Inclement Weather Closing Policy**

The Health Science Center will close only in the most severe weather conditions.

If the Health Science Center is closed, essential services will remain open. These activities include those that maintain the campus environment, ensure its safety, and provide patient services, as well as those that maintain and operate critical research resources.

Health Science Center students, faculty and staff will be informed of the campus' status in several ways:

- (1) a telephone "hot" line with up-to-the-minute information - 44UT ICE (448-8423),
- (2) the Health Science Center web site - [www.uthsc.edu](http://www.uthsc.edu),
- (3) WREG Channel 3 television station, and
- (4) FM 100 radio station.

Please note: since the hot line can provide the most up-to-date information, it will be the official source.