

WMLC Severe Weather Policy

FALL, WINTER, AND SPRING TERMS:

When severe weather is likely: on weekdays, the Therapeutic Recreation Coordinator will begin to monitor the following online resources at noon and continue to check periodically until 1:00pm for the conditions listed below*.

On Saturdays, decisions can be made on Friday, otherwise no alterations should be made to group schedules or therapeutic recreation before the day of activity.

If the conditions below* are forecasted to coincide with the time of any social skills group or other activities, the Therapeutic Recreation Coordinator will notify the Director of Programming or the Executive Director by 1:00pm. Whichever party is notified will consult with the other to determine which course of action to take.

SUMMER TERM:

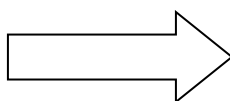
When severe weather is likely the Therapeutic Recreation Coordinator will monitor the following online resources throughout the day for the conditions listed below*. Clients participating in afternoon activities (1:00pm on) will be notified by 11:00am the day of the activity if cancellations are necessary.

If the conditions below* are forecasted to coincide with the time of any social skills group, therapeutic recreation, or other activity, the Therapeutic Recreation Coordinator will notify the Director of Programming or the Executive Director. Whichever party is notified will consult with the other to determine which course of action to take.

***Weather Conditions WMLC Monitor:**

- National Weather Service Reports for Hennepin County
 - Winter Weather Advisory
 - Winter Storm Warning
 - Wind Chill Advisory
 - Severe Thunderstorm Warning
 - Tornado Watch
 - Tornado Warning
 - Heat Index Warning – Extreme Caution Level

- MN Dot 511.com for Twin Cities Metro
 - Difficult Driving Conditions
 - Road Closures due to Dangerous Conditions



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ALL TERMS:

In most cases, there will be a decision to either cancel everything or nothing. If the following conditions exist, the decision may be to proceed with groups, but to use a preapproved alternate activity at the center or another indoor location in lieu of scheduled outings:

- Wind Chill Advisory/cold weather (If actual temperature or wind chill are -10 or colder)
- Severe Thunderstorm Warning (If lightning may interfere with outdoor activity plans)
- Heat Index Warning – Extreme Caution Level

NOAA's National Weather Service

Heat Index
Temperature (°F)

Relative Humidity (%)	80	82	84	86	88	90	92	94	96	98	100	102	104	106	108	110
40	80	81	83	85	88	91	94	97	101	105	109	114	119	124	130	136
45	80	82	84	87	89	93	96	100	104	109	114	119	124	130	137	
50	81	83	85	88	91	95	99	103	108	113	118	124	131	137		
55	81	84	86	89	93	97	101	106	112	117	124	130	137			
60	82	84	88	91	95	100	105	110	116	123	129	137				
65	82	85	89	93	98	103	108	114	121	128	136					
70	83	86	90	95	100	105	112	119	126	134						
75	84	88	92	97	103	109	116	124	132							
80	84	89	94	100	106	113	121	129								
85	85	90	96	102	110	117	126	135								
90	86	91	98	105	113	122	131									
95	86	93	100	108	117	127										
100	87	95	103	112	121	132										

Likelihood of Heat Disorders with Prolonged Exposure or Strenuous Activity

Caution
 Extreme Caution
 Danger
 Extreme Danger

NWS Windchill Chart

Wind (mph)	Temperature (°F)																			
	Calm	40	35	30	25	20	15	10	5	0	-5	-10	-15	-20	-25	-30	-35	-40	-45	
5	36	31	25	19	13	7	1	-5	-11	-16	-22	-28	-34	-40	-46	-52	-57	-63		
10	34	27	21	15	9	3	-4	-10	-16	-22	-28	-35	-41	-47	-53	-59	-66	-72		
15	32	25	19	13	6	0	-7	-13	-19	-26	-32	-39	-45	-51	-58	-64	-71	-77		
20	30	24	17	11	4	-2	-9	-15	-22	-29	-35	-42	-48	-55	-61	-68	-74	-81		
25	29	23	16	9	3	-4	-11	-17	-24	-31	-37	-44	-51	-58	-64	-71	-78	-84		
30	28	22	15	8	1	-5	-12	-19	-26	-33	-39	-46	-53	-60	-67	-73	-80	-87		
35	28	21	14	7	0	-7	-14	-21	-27	-34	-41	-48	-55	-62	-69	-76	-82	-89		
40	27	20	13	6	-1	-8	-15	-22	-29	-36	-43	-50	-57	-64	-71	-78	-84	-91		
45	26	19	12	5	-2	-9	-16	-23	-30	-37	-44	-51	-58	-65	-72	-79	-86	-93		
50	26	19	12	4	-3	-10	-17	-24	-31	-38	-45	-52	-60	-67	-74	-81	-88	-95		
55	25	18	11	4	-3	-11	-18	-25	-32	-39	-46	-54	-61	-68	-75	-82	-89	-97		
60	25	17	10	3	-4	-11	-19	-26	-33	-40	-48	-55	-62	-69	-76	-84	-91	-98		

Frostbite Times: 30 minutes 10 minutes 5 minutes

All original scheduled activities will proceed under the following weather conditions:

- Light to Moderate Precipitation (e.g., a light mist or drizzle, light to moderate rain, light to moderate snow fall)
- Thunderstorms without the presence of Severe Weather Warnings (indoor activities only)
- Heat Advisory Warnings – Caution

If the above mentioned weather conditions occur during an activity WMLC staff will use their discretion to direct clients in exercises to ensure comfort (e.g., frequent indoor warming breaks, frequent water breaks, etc.).

Closures of activity locations will impact the decision regarding activity cancelation and/or alteration. WMLC will follow weather/ground condition policies of the establishments in question.

Regular staff already in the office will work their scheduled hours, unless they receive a dismissal from the Executive Director.

WCCO and KARE11 will be notified of any decisions to close. Clients and staff may sign up for email notification from WCCO and/or KARE11 if they choose.

www.wcco.com/cancellations
<http://static.kare11.com/text-alerts/>