

AU/UGA Medical Partnership Inclement Weather Operations Policy and Procedures for Students

1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure the safety and well-being of all medical students during inclement weather while maintaining academic and clinical responsibilities. This policy provides guidance on procedures to follow for both pre-clerkship and clerkship students, recognizing the unique requirements of each phase of the medical school curriculum.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all medical students.

3. LCME Standards

4. Policy Statement

During inclement weather, the medical school follows the [UGA official inclement weather operations policy](#) with the following modifications:

Pre-Clerkship Students (Years 1-2)

Classes and Examinations:

- In the event of a campus closure or delay due to inclement weather, all pre-clerkship learning activities may be modified. At the discretion of curriculum leadership, learning activities may be moved online or postponed.
- The Foundations of Medicine Director will notify students of any new arrangements for required activities or exams. Students should check email and the course management system (D2L) for instructions.

Communication:

Students will be notified of any schedule changes via official university communication channels, as well as through medical school administration. It is the responsibility of students to check their emails regularly during inclement weather events.

Clerkship Students (Years 3-4)

Clinical Duties:

- Clerkship students are expected to follow the inclement weather policies of the hospital or clinical site where they are assigned. If the clinical site remains open,

students are expected to report for their assigned duties unless doing so poses an undue risk to personal safety.

- If a student cannot safely travel to their clinical site due to severe weather, they must notify their supervising attending, site clerkship director and Director of Year 3/4 Curriculum as early as possible. The student will not be penalized for weather-related absences but may be required to make up missed clinical time in accordance with the clerkship's attendance policies.
- If a clinical site closes or cancels activities, students should follow the guidance of the site and their clinical supervisors. They should also inform the site clerkship director and Director of Year 3/4 Curriculum to ensure proper documentation.

Communication:

- Clerkship students are expected to stay informed of weather-related announcements both from the medical school and their assigned clinical sites.
- The Curriculum Office will notify students of the expectations regarding reporting for clinical duties during inclement weather.

Safety First

While maintaining academic and clinical responsibilities is important, safety is the highest priority during inclement weather. All students are encouraged to use their best judgment and prioritize their well-being when deciding whether to travel in hazardous weather conditions.

5. Definitions

6. Responsibilities

7. Related Policies and Information

<https://www.uga.edu/weather-policy>

https://policy.uga.edu/policies/#/programs/rJ8T99_5T?q=inclement%20weather&&limit=20&skip=0&bc=true&bcCurrent=Inclement%20Weather&bclItemType=programs

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