

FCPS HAZARDOUS WEATHER PROTOCOL

As snowy weather approaches, this is an important reminder about FCPS emergency communication. We recommend that you SAVE THIS MESSAGE for future reference.

How FCPS Decides Whether to Close or Delay Schools:

<https://fcps.ezcommunicator.net/edu/Frederick/GetFile.aspx?DocId=5582>

FCPS uses MANY ways to communicate! Here are places to check:

- www.fcps.org: We post alerts to appear at the very top of each webpage, with details in the home page *News and Info* section.
- Comcast cable channel 18 on TV or online:
<http://www.fcps.org/centraloffice/fcps-television>
- FCPS Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FCPSMaryland>
- FCPS Twitter: <https://twitter.com/fcpsmaryland>
- FCPS FindOutFirst (FOF): www.fcps.org/fof or
http://fcps.ezcommunicator.net/edu/frederick/login_form.aspx?app=0
- We notify about 30 local and regional radio and TV stations but cannot guarantee the accuracy of their messages. *There is a Frederick County Public Schools system in Virginia; make sure you're hearing information about FCPS Maryland!*

Afterschool and Weekend Activities: Generally, when schools are closed due to inclement weather, school-sponsored afterschool and evening activities are canceled or postponed. On non-school days when the Snow Emergency Plan is in effect in Frederick County, unless the Superintendent grants a waiver, all afterschool, evening and weekend programs and activities are canceled or postponed, *including events scheduled by outside user groups.*

Exceptions: Frederick County Parks and Recreation programs operating in community gyms in FCPS schools and daycare programs operating in FCPS schools (such as YMCA before- and afterschool programs) independently make and communicate their decisions regarding schedule modifications. For **Frederick County Parks and Recreation** program updates, you may call 301-600-6291.

Snow Emergency Plan status is announced on local radio and posted on the Maryland Department of Transportation [website](#).