Inclement Weather Policy for Medical School Courses and Clerkships

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PRECLINICAL STUDENTS
The School of Medicine follows the University’s policies regarding delayed openings and closings.**(II)** If there is a delayed opening until 10:00 a.m., all medical school classes will begin at 10:00 a.m. with the courses scheduled in that time slot. If the University is closed, there will be no medical school class sessions that day. Make-up arrangements for any missed class sessions will be made by instructors and communicated to students. In the event of a cancelled ULSOM mandatory attendance event, all students will be notified of the rescheduled date within 48 hours of the cancelled event. Students with pre-existing conflicts on the rescheduled date will be addressed by the Deans for Medical Education on an individual basis.

CLINICAL - LOUISVILLE CAMPUS
The School of Medicine follows the University’s policies regarding delayed openings and closings.**(II)** If there is a delayed opening until 10:00 a.m., clinical duties will begin at 10:00 a.m. When classes are cancelled due to severe weather, all clinical duties for third and fourth year students at the Louisville Campus will also be cancelled.

CLINICAL STUDENTS - TROVER CAMPUS
Due to the distance between the Louisville Campus and the Trover Campus, weather conditions may vary considerably between the two sites. Because of this, the Associate Dean at the Trover Campus will determine whether or not Trover students should report for clinical duties based on weather conditions in the Madisonville area and will notify those students when they should not report for clerkship duties.

ALL YEARS - EXAM DAYS
When the University is on a delayed schedule because of severe weather, all exams originally scheduled to begin before the delayed start time (usually 10:00 a.m.) will instead begin at the new opening time. For example, if the exam was originally scheduled for 8:00 a.m., but the University delays opening until 10:00 a.m., the exam will begin when the University opens at 10:00 a.m. Later exams will begin on time unless they are affected by the timing of an exam that was delayed earlier in the day. In that case, their start times will be adjusted accordingly and they will immediately follow the first exam that day unless students are advised otherwise.

When the University closes completely due to severe weather when an exam is scheduled, all exams originally scheduled for that day will be rescheduled for a later date.

*If the delay/cancellation specifies Belknap Campus only, medical students will report for classes and clinical duties according to their regular schedule.*
** Should inclement weather be a factor on a day when the University is not in session, and medical school activities are scheduled, the Senior Associate Dean for Undergraduate Medical Education will make a decision before 3:30 am of the day in question and alert all affected students of the decision via email.

**Policy History**
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Revised: July 1, 2015 - Added procedure for a cancelled ULSOM mandatory attendance event for First and Second year students.
Revised: February 17, 2016 - Added inclement weather procedure when the University is not in session.
Revised: May 29, 2019 – Changed who address conflicts in preclinical years from Senior Associate Dean to UME Deans.