

## **INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICIES**

**Inclement Weather Policies for M-I and M-II Students.** School of Medicine M-I and M-II classes are canceled when University of South Carolina classes are canceled in times of inclement weather. School of Medicine M-I and M-II classes begin on a delayed schedule when University of South Carolina classes begin on a delayed schedule in times of inclement weather.

**Inclement Weather and Holiday Policies for M-III and M-IV Students.** *In contrast to the M-I and M-II years, M-III and M-IV medical students' responsibilities to their patients and to their clinical teams require, as consistently as possible, their presence in the inpatient and outpatient environments. Thus, the policy of following closure of the University is not applicable to the M-III and M-IV years. That being said, students' clinical responsibilities must be balanced by concerns for their safety.*

**Outpatient Responsibilities:** In general, during time of inclement weather, students should be present to carry out their clinical responsibilities whenever the outpatient clinic/community medical practice to which they have been assigned by the clerkship director is open and operational. Students should make every effort to determine the operating schedules of these facilities during times of inclement weather and be present, when possible, during those hours when the outpatient facility is operational. The final decision about travel to these facilities, however, during times of inclement weather, should be made by students based upon their assessment of current travel conditions. When a student determines that safety concerns preclude his/her travel to the outpatient facility to which he/she has been assigned, the student should so inform an appropriate person in authority at the facility and the clerkship director.

**Inpatient Responsibilities:** In general, during times of inclement weather, students should be present to carry out their clinical responsibilities in inpatient facilities to which they have been assigned by the clerkship director. Students should therefore make every effort to be present at these facilities, when possible, during time of inclement weather. The final decision about travel to these inpatient facilities, however, during times of inclement weather, should be made by students based upon their assessment of current travel conditions. When a student determines that safety concerns preclude his/her travel to the inpatient facility to which he/she has been assigned, the student should so inform his/her team leader at that facility and the clerkship director.