



**Policy Title**  
Inclement Weather

**Identifier**  
UofSCSOMG – ACAF – 1.02

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**LCME Standards**

5.7 – Security, Student Safety, and Disaster Preparedness

**Scope**

University of South Carolina (UofSC) School of Medicine Greenville students, faculty and staff

**Policy Statement**

Delay or cancellation of classes or work related to the educational mission of the UofSC School of Medicine Greenville based upon inclement weather is an uncommon event. Every attempt shall be made to continue with classes as they are normally scheduled consistent with the practices of the UofSC.

Students and faculty are urged to take all necessary precautions for travel during inclement weather, regardless of whether the event is formally declared to represent an Inclement Weather event.

In their clinical rotations, M3 and M4 medical students’ responsibilities to their patients and to their clinical teams require, as consistently as possible, their presence in the inpatient and outpatient environments. During times of inclement weather, students’ clinical responsibilities must be balanced by concerns for safety. The final decision about travel to these inpatient and outpatient facilities should be made by students based upon their assessment of current travel conditions.

**Reason for Policy**

The purpose of this policy is to provide UofSC School of Medicine Greenville students clarity on institutional expectations. LCME requires that a medical school ensures that adequate security systems are in place at all locations and publishes policies and procedures to ensure student safety and to address emergency and disaster preparedness.

## Procedures

In the event of a school delay or closure, the announcement will be made via

- Closings & Delays sections on WYFF4 (<http://www.wyff4.com/weather/closings>) and Fox Carolina (<http://www.foxcarolina.com/closings>).
- UofSC School of Medicine Greenville Message Center (864-455-8214)
- Canvas
- Social media:
  - Facebook: [facebook.com/UofSCSOMG](https://www.facebook.com/UofSCSOMG)
  - Twitter: @UofSCSOMG
  - Instagram: @UofSCSchoolofMedGVL

Additionally, medical students will receive an email notification.

All decisions regarding closures in the event of inclement weather will be made separately from the University of South Carolina's main campus in Columbia.

Employees of the Health System should refer to their managers for proper inclement weather protocol and if they have any questions or concerns.

In the clinical years when a student determines that safety concerns preclude his/her travel to the facility to which he/she has been assigned, the student should inform an appropriate person in authority at the facility and the clerkship director.

**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.

**Inpatient Responsibilities:** In general, during times of inclement weather, students should 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.

**Testing Week:** In the event inclement weather falls during testing week, notifications of schedule changes and closings will come from the Office for Academic Affairs.

## Sanctions

N/A

## Additional Contacts

Office for Academic Affairs

Office for Student Affairs

## Related Information

UofSCSOMG – ACAF – 1.00 M1 and M2 Student Attendance Policy

UofSCSOMG – ACAF – 1.01 M3 and M4 Student Attendance Policy

UofSCSOMG – ACAF – 1.03 Integrated Practice of Medicine Attendance Policy

## History

<b>Date of Change</b>	<b>Change</b>
May 2019	Editorial changes made due to branding updates and titles, formal approval not required
Dec 2018	Policy formalized into standardized template, LCME CQI