

## Severe Weather Information

Indian Hills Community College

The decision to cancel or delay classes will be made by the college president before 6:00 a.m. if at all possible. Please do not call the campus for cancellation or postponement information.

Cancellation and postponement information will be posted on the homepage of the Indian Hills Community College website and/or on MyHills as soon as possible. Indian Hills also has an emergency notification system by which the college can notify students, faculty, staff, and family members in case of an emergency. The notification is by email, text message, and phone. If classes are cancelled or delayed due to severe weather conditions or for any other reason, the following media outlets will be notified as soon as possible:

Radio			Television		
KBIZ	1240 AM	Ottumwa	KYOU	Channel 15	Ottumwa
KISS	101.5 FM	Ottumwa	KTVO	Channel 3	Kirksville, MO/Ottumwa
KLEE	1480 AM	Ottumwa	WHO	Channel 13	Des Moines
KOTM	97.7 FM	Ottumwa	KCCI	Channel 8	Des Moines
KRKN	104.3 FM	Ottumwa	WOI	Channel 5	Ames/Des Moines
KTWA	92.7 FM	Ottumwa			
KCOG	1400 AM	Centerville			
KMGO	98.7 FM	Centerville			
KIIC	96.7 FM	Albia			
KEDB	105.3 FM	Chariton			
WHO	1040 AM	Des Moines			
KIIK	95.9 FM	Fairfield			
KMCD	1470 AM	Fairfield			
KILJ	1130 AM/105.5 FM	Mt. Pleasant			
KBOE	740 AM/104.9 FM	Oskaloosa			
KRLS	92.1 FM	Pella			
KCII	1380 AM/95.3 FM	Washington			
KMEM	100.5 FM	Memphis, MO			

## Be Prepared

Talk of severe weather in Iowa often conjures up images of tornadoes, which are certainly a possibility as spring and summer storms ramp up. But more common dangers are lightning and flooding, especially as work and recreational activities move outdoors.

Here's a quick reminder from Indian Hills Community College's Security Department and the National Weather Service about how to stay safe from lightning, flooding, and tornadoes. Contact Campus Security at (641) 683-5300 for more information.

### For all severe weather

Be aware of weather conditions at all times, especially if severe weather is predicted.

- Sign up for an email or text alert from local television stations
- Download a weather app for smart phones or mobile devices (many are free)
- If you receive a severe weather message, spread the word to your co-workers and family members, especially those who work outside

**For Lightning**

All thunderstorms produce lightning. If you hear thunder, lightning is close enough to harm you.

- If you are planning outdoor activities, know where to go for safety, and how long it will take to get there
- Consider postponing outdoor activities if thunderstorms are predicted
- If you hear thunder – even in the distance – move to a safe place. Fully enclosed buildings are best. Sheds, picnic tables, tents and covered porches do not protect from lightning. If no safe buildings are nearby, jump in a car (with a hard metal top), and close all the windows. Stay put for at least 30 minutes after the last rumble of thunder.
- Don't use a corded phone while it's thundering and lightning, unless it's an emergency. Cordless and cell phones are OK.
- Don't take a bath or shower (or use any plumbing fixtures) during a thunderstorm since water pipes conduct electricity

**For Flooding**

- Head to higher ground if a flash flood warning is issued for your area
- Don't walk through floodwaters. As little as six inches of rushing water can sweep you off your feet.
- Don't drive through floodwaters. Most cars can be swept away in less than two feet of moving water.
- If you live or work in a flood-prone area, consider gathering emergency supplies, such as:
  - ✓ Three-day supply of nonperishable food and water
  - ✓ Flashlight
  - ✓ Seven-day supply of medications
  - ✓ Copies of personal documents (insurance policies, birth certificates, deed/lease to home, etc.)
  - ✓ Cell phone with charger
  - ✓ Tools for securing your home
  - ✓ Insect repellent and sunscreen
  - ✓ Extra sets of car and house keys
  - ✓ Camera to shoot photos of damage to your property

**For Tornadoes**

- If you hear a tornado siren while inside a building, go to a windowless interior room on the lowest level; bathrooms often are best. Avoid buildings with large expansive roof structures, like the main court area of the Hellyer Student Life Center. Many campus buildings have designated storm shelters.
- If you are walking across campus and hear the tornado siren, get to the nearest building, and follow the same procedures
- If you are driving a car and debris begins flying around you, pull over and park. Your next two options are:
  - Stay in the car and buckle your seatbelt. Keep your head below the windows and cover it with your hands or a blanket.
  - If you can safely get to a ditch or area lower than the road, exit the car, lie down and cover your head

**For Winter Weather**

- See the attached document [here](#).

For additional severe weather safety information, visit the [National Weather Service](#) website.