



## YMCA OF SNOHOMISH COUNTY

### SEVERE WEATHER POLICY - CHILD CARE

The YMCA of Snohomish County Emergency Closure Policy is for snow, severe weather, power outages, disaster, or any unforeseen reason that YMCA child care programs may need close without prior notice.

All child care participants are encouraged to have a backup plan for emergencies. The YMCA will make every attempt to provide care, however, the YMCA cannot guarantee that staff will always be able to get to the schools, or that the school will be open to provide care in every situation.

The YMCA will generally update the voice mail message on the site phones by approximately 5:30 a.m. and continually throughout the day to inform families of closures or delays to our child care program.

**If school is canceled**, the YMCA does not have access to the schools and therefore we cannot provide care.

**If school is delayed**, the YMCA will make every attempt to arrive on site at the regularly scheduled time of 6:30 a.m. Please understand that traveling on these mornings may take longer than expected. Please call the site before traveling.

**If school is delayed and then canceled**, the YMCA may close the Y child care program, call parents, and send children home with an adult authorized for pickup. Please have alternative arrangements for your child if you work out of the area so that we can contact someone locally to take over care of your child. Please notify the YMCA site if someone other than previously authorized individuals will pick your child up.

**If school is let out early or the school's after-school programs are cancelled**, the YMCA will make every attempt to get staff to the school site but may close early that afternoon. If we must close early, we will call parents and request children be picked up as soon as possible.

**Non-School Day Care:** If it snows during a Non-School Day when the YMCA is scheduled to offer full day care, call the site providing care for your child and check our voice mail message. Any decision will be based upon weather conditions and road conditions reported by the Washington State Patrol and/or the State Department of Transportation.

**Full Day Preschool and Toddler Programs:** The same as Non-School Day Care.