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Subject: INFORMATIONAL: Snow/Ice Emergencies

Chapel Hill is subject to snow and ice storms ranging widely in severity. We need to be prepared for all situations.

Usually, efforts to remove snow and ice take place while the University and the UNC Health Care System continue to operate. We will try to ameliorate each situation, but some inconveniences will occur.

Like most organizations in the Triangle area, the University is equipped and organized to cope with snow and ice, but we do not have the capability to clear all areas simultaneously. Accordingly, the UNC Health Care System ranks first in our list of priorities.

During recent years, Facilities Services, which has primary responsibility for clearing snow on campus walkways, has taken dramatic cuts in operating budgets. Snow response service levels have been reduced to clearing primary entrances and/or ADA accesses only. Please go to <http://gismaps.unc.edu/AWC/default.aspx> to see the walkway clearing plan including the locations that will be cleared for access to your building. We advise employees and students who uses your facilities to exercise caution in using the designated walkways.

During snow/ice conditions, announcements regarding state employees reported by the news media may not apply to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill or the UNC Health Care System. Announcements pertinent to the University and/or the UNC Health Care System will specifically state that the information pertains to UNC-Chapel Hill and/or UNC Health Care System.

Special procedures which may be put into effect are as follows:

1. Parking lots may be closed throughout the day for snow and ice removal as cleaning crews work their way through campus. In the event lots are closed for snow removal and permit holders are unable to locate a space in their designated zone, or if Chapel Hill Transit is operating under modified schedules, employees may park on South Campus in the Smith Center (S11) lots. Employees using the Smith Center (S11) lots should use the free "U" or "RU" bus routes for campus access. Detailed parking and transit information during adverse weather may be obtained by calling the Adverse Weather and Disaster Hot Line at 919-843-1234 (toll-free in the Triangle Area) and selecting the parking and transportation

information prompt or by directly calling the Parking General Information line at 919-962-3951 or at the Department of Public Safety's website at [www.dps.unc.edu](http://www.dps.unc.edu).

2. Additional information regarding adverse weather and the University's operational status will be available on the University's main website ([www.unc.edu](http://www.unc.edu)) and on the University's Alert Carolina website ([www.alertcarolina.unc.edu](http://www.alertcarolina.unc.edu)). Information will also be available on the toll-free (within the Triangle area) Adverse Weather and Emergency Information Line 919-843-1234.

3. Information will also be available on the University Travelers Information Station (TIS / 1610 AM) when you are close to Chapel Hill.

4. Information on conditions will also be communicated through social media, including the "University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill" and "UNC Public Safety" Facebook pages and Twitter accounts for the University (@Carolina\_News) and UNC Public Safety (@UNCDPS).

5. The first parking zones on South Campus to be cleared are Bell Tower Drive, (CG) Helipad, Neurosciences, and Women's and Children's, Cancer Hospital, (S1) Public Safety Building, (S11) Bowles Lot. These lots will be closed until the lots can be cleared. The (N7) Nash Lot (located west of the Carolina Inn behind the Newman Center on Pittsboro Street) will be the first ungated lot cleared on the northern campus. This lot should be used until other North campus lots are cleared.

6. Zone parking restrictions may be lifted in all areas of campus in the event of heavy snow or severe icing. Consult Parking General information line at 919-962-3951 or the Department of Public Safety website at [www.dps.unc.edu](http://www.dps.unc.edu) for up-to-date information on parking and transit services.

7. To the extent possible, all students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to avoid bringing automobiles on campus during severe conditions, so that snow removal crews can work without interference.

Please call Grounds Services at 962-2069 if a vehicle has been blocked due to the clearing of parking lots. Public Safety personnel may have to relocate vehicles that impede snow removal efforts. Attempts will be made to advise owners, but everyone should be aware of this possibility during snow emergencies.

8. Chapel Hill Transit (CHT) schedules may be modified or suspended due to severe snow and ice. Consult the Chapel Hill Transit website at [www.chtransit.org](http://www.chtransit.org), the Department of Public Safety's website at

[www.dps.unc.edu](http://www.dps.unc.edu), or listen to WCHL (1360 AM) for updated route information.

9. P2P service may be modified or suspended depending upon the severity of the storm. Modification to the service may restrict drop off/pick up points to the main streets of the campus. Requests for emergency transport of disabled individuals should be routed to Public Safety at 962-8100.

10. Employees and students are cautioned to be mindful of the ice and snow falling from rooftops when parking vehicles and/or when walking near buildings during adverse weather. Some parking spaces adjacent to buildings may be blocked due to the possibility of falling ice or snow.

11. The Human Resources website <http://hr.unc.edu> covers employee attendance during adverse weather conditions and should be reviewed.

It is requested that the above information be posted and provided to all persons in your department. If there are any questions, please contact the Director for Grounds Services at 962-2069, or the Director of Public Safety at 966-5730.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

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