Maryland State Department of Education Division of Rehabilitation Services Workforce & Technology Center Weather Closure & Delay Information

The Workforce & Technology Center (WTC) is a Maryland State Government facility. Sometimes when the weather is bad and travel could be dangerous, the Governor will decide conditions require closing Maryland State Government facilities or changing their opening or closing time. This includes WTC.

You can find accurate information about the status of Maryland State facilities during bad weather two ways:

- Visit the Maryland Department of Budget & Management page (<u>dbm.maryland.gov</u>) and select "Emergency Closings" for State closing/delay information. WTC does not follow Baltimore City School delays or closures.
- Follow @MdStateClosing on X (formerly Twitter).

Don't rely on radio or TV stations to find out about State closings or delays. They aren't always accurate.

Everyone scheduled to attend appointments or classes at WTC should know the different types of closures of Maryland State facilities during emergency conditions and how they affect those appointments and classes.

- **Closed:** When Maryland State Government statewide or Maryland State Government in Baltimore City is "Closed," WTC will cancel all services and programs. **WTC does not follow Baltimore City Public School closures.**
- Liberal Leave ALL DAY: When Maryland State Government statewide or Maryland State Government in Baltimore City is on a full day "Liberal Leave," WTC will cancel all services and programs. WTC does not follow Baltimore City Public School closures.
- Liberal Leave Late Opening/Delayed Opening: When Maryland State Government statewide or Maryland State Government in Baltimore City is on either "Liberal Leave – Late Opening" or "Delayed Opening," WTC services and programs will begin at the late opening time unless you are contacted by your center counselor, case manager, or service provider about a different plan. WTC does not follow Baltimore City Public School delays.
- Liberal Leave Declared During the Day/Early Release When Maryland State Government statewide or Maryland State Government in Baltimore City announces Liberal Leave during the work day, the continuation of WTC services and programs will be at the discretion of the service provider. The service provider will inform the affected consumers scheduled for services and programs on whether services and programs will end at a given time. Consumers may choose to leave early due to the weather or transportation without attendance penalty. When Maryland State Government statewide or Maryland State Government in Baltimore City announces "Early Release," all WTC services and programs will end for the day at the announced time. WTC does not follow Baltimore City Public School early dismissal.

During all these types of weather emergencies there are employees who stay at WTC. These essential employees include WTC's Residential and Enrichment Services staff. If you are staying in the WTC dorms, these staff will be there to ensure your health and safety until conditions improve and the other WTC services and programs resume.

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