

Adverse Weather & Reduced Operations

Adverse Weather Preparedness

As soon as the potential for adverse weather is predicted to affect UNC, labs should consider preparations for possible reduction in staffing and operations.

Under Condition 2 or 3, all non-mandatory operations are suspended, and non-essential employees should not report to work. All student workers are considered non-essential and should be encouraged to leave the area.

Under Adverse Weather conditions, DCM will provide standard husbandry and health monitoring care (e.g., feed & water, daily health checks) to ensure that animal welfare is maintained. DCM's primary focus during Adverse Weather conditions is provision of animal care – DCM does not have staffing to perform any study related procedures (e.g. tumor measurement, post-operative medication).

All research related activities remain the responsibility of the Principal Investigator – **adjustments in experimental schedules (i.e., postponing experiments which will require intensive monitoring, postoperative care or study related procedures) is recommended.**

If you think you may need to check or work with your research animals during Adverse Weather Condition 2 or 3, you are encouraged to add a member of your lab as Essential Personnel. This classification of Essential Personnel is made through Human Resources.

Emergency/Adverse Weather Contact Information for Satellite Personnel

In the event of inclement weather in which University officials have declared **Condition 3 Adverse Weather** and laboratory personnel caring for animals housed in a satellite facility are unable to provide the required adequate daily care, the Division of Comparative Medicine (DCM) is available to arrange for the care of these animals until either the weather condition has resolved or the University has declared a Condition 1 or 2 and satellite personnel can resume normal animal care duties. Please contact DCM's Husbandry pager at 919-216-6434 for assistance.

In the event satellite staff are unable to travel to campus to provide daily animal care, DCM and the IACUC have access to these spaces to perform husbandry duties if required. It is expected that satellite staff make every effort to prepare animals in advance for the duration of impending inclement weather. **All cages/tanks potentially approaching a low level for feed and/or water should be addressed appropriately, in addition to any cages/tanks which appear very dirty.**

Veterinary Care Contacts

Division of Comparative Medicine Contacts

Veterinary Services

Phone: 919-966-2906

Pager: 919-216-1235

You must contact the Division of Comparative Medicine Veterinary personnel to report any/all animal health issues. If you are not reporting a health issue, but have a question you would like answered, you may call or email Veterinary Services. If for some reason you are unable to contact Veterinary Services during normal business hours (8-5 Monday-Friday), try calling the DCM main line at 919-843-7992. After weekday hours, contact Campus Police at 919-962-6565. On weekends or holidays page the Veterinary Services person on call at 919-216-1235.