

Milwaukee County Exec Crowley: Extends 'snow emergency' declaration

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MILWAUKEE, WI - In consultation with the Director of the Office of Emergency Management, Chief Judge, Sheriff, Director of Transportation and Director of Administrative Services, County Executive David Crowley has declared a **snow declaration beginning at Noon Thursday, December 22 lasting through the entirety of Friday, December 23.**

Milwaukee County is expected to see high winds, snow accumulation, and extremely low wind chill temperatures over the next two days. Heavy snowfall is expected to begin in the late afternoon hours, accompanied by freezing temperatures after nightfall.

[Milwaukee County's Administrative Manual of Operating Procedures](#) states in a snow emergency all non-essential departments will be closed, for the safety of county employees and the public, resulting in the closure of several county facilities including the Milwaukee County Courthouse, Vel Phillips Detention Center, and Marcia P. Coggs Building (with the exception of the Behavioral Health Mobile Crisis Teams).

Certain departments, and in some cases certain positions, are defined as being essential to performing duties during the snow emergency, and therefore those employees in those departments will resume work as usual.

Non-essential 'Telework Able' employees should telework. Scheduled employees who are non-essential but unable to telework should use the CLOSE code in Dayforce when recording their hours for the day.

Dangerously cold air is expected to accompany the high winds and snow with wind chill reaching 20 to 35 degrees below zero. Unsheltered residents are encouraged to call 211 for information on the closest warming center that is open to them and help accessing a shelter through a coordinated intake process.

Milwaukee County Department of Health and Human Services Behavioral Health Service's Access Clinics will be closed. If you or someone you know may be facing a crisis, please call the crisis line at 414-257-7222.