

CBCGB Weather Closing Policies

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CBCGB takes the safety of her attendees and services of church seriously, and will consider many factors before determining if the church should cancel activities due to weather related causes -- on Sunday, Friday, or any other days where church facilities may be used. In general, the church will consider canceling activities for extraordinary snowfall, rainfall, earthquake, and flooding, but not cancel merely due to controllable situation. Principle considerations are in the following:

- Road conditions, private driveway, public roads, governmental or official warning, travel ban, or emergency curfew or city/area shutdown.
- Church driveway and parking lots, with Stewardship updates, a rule of thumb from the past experiences: Three hours after storm is over, we are capable to make church building accessible.
- Church building conditions, free from HVAC failure, flooding, Hurricane, fire hazards, etc.
- Coldness should not be a concern, unless service is held outdoor;
- As long as the most of businesses are open, our commitment is making the best of our effort to offer service.
- In case of shortage of volunteering workforces, cut down service but not shutdown.
- Apply good Christian conveniences in care for safety of people.
- Pastors, elders, deacons leaders set example, make the best of effort, even just for just a few people who may want to come.

If the church needs to close due to inclement weather the following procedures will be followed:

- The decision to cancel church activities is the responsibility of the Sr. Pastor and CC chair, in consultation with other needed parties (e.g. church facilities manager, Stewardship committee). They will take into consideration weather conditions as well as driveways, walkways, parking lot and building conditions. Any suggestions or comments made by our members should be immediately forwarded to the Sr. Pastor and/or CC chair.

- Notice of church cancellations shall be made no later than 6:00am for Sunday morning and weekday morning activities, and 12:00pm for evening activities. Members should be discouraged from sending out messages to individuals/fellowships regarding cancellations until a final decision has been made by the Sr. Pastor and BOE chair.

- Once the decision is made to cancel church activities:

1. The Sr. Pastor and CC chair will send the official announcement to the CC secretary.
2. The CC secretary will notify the appropriate radio/tv stations.
3. The CC secretary will ensure that the announcement is posted on the CBCGB and Cross Bridge websites.

4. The CC secretary will inform fellowship/ministry leaders to forward the announcement to their respective members.
5. If the decision is made to cancel church activities, fellowship activities cannot happen on church grounds.

***COM's policy**

Due to meeting at different locations from the Lexington campus, COM has set up corresponding policies and procedures for weather closings.

For Sunday service:

We will consider:

1. Whether Ruggles Baptist Church will cancel her activities,
2. Mayors of Boston and other urban areas claim a snow emergency,
3. Whether the street pavement and parking situation will causes parking issues,
4. The availability of public transportation,
5. Whether the weather is too cold for COM members to walk on the street,

The process of canceling Sunday activities will be:

1. Initiated by COM pastor/minister or suggested by Planning group members,
2. Discussed among planning group memebrs,
3. If the Planning group decides to cancel activities, leaders will post the annoucement of cancellation through the appropriate channels (below):

Channels of COM's announcement:

1. COM pastor/minister sends the announcement of cancellation to fellowship and ministry coordinators for them to deliver the announcement to other coworkers.
2. A COM telephone recorded message
3. Posting the announcement of cancellation on the COM website.

For COM fellowships, given that fellowships meet at different locations, the decision to cancel will be made by the counselors and coordinators of distinctive fellowship counselors in accordance with the criteria under the consultation of COM pastor/minister. Each fellowship will send an announcement of cancellation through their own communication channels.