



Inclement Weather Procedures for Students with Disabilities

Protocol for Students with Mobility Impairments Requesting Snow Removal

The purpose for the inclement weather protocol is to assist with timely snow removal on the paths of travel used by students with mobility impairments who will be significantly affected by snow and ice. Please complete and submit to SDS the [Voluntary Inclement Weather Questionnaire](#). SDS will provide the information on this form to the ADA Coordinator in Facilities Management to coordinate snow removal with Grounds Maintenance. Timely snow removal is a continual challenge in the winter. This process is an effort to address your individual travel challenges.

Inclement Weather Protocol for Students Riding CULift

In the event that Cornell University is closed and classes are canceled because of inclement weather, CULift services will not be provided. University operating status, which includes any closing information, can be found at <http://www.cornell.edu/about/status/>. Weather information and alerts can be found at <http://www.cornell.edu/about/status/weather.cfm>.

If the university closes or if CULift deems it necessary to suspend service after students have been transported to campus, CULift will contact riders at the cell phone numbers provided by riders to arrange transport back to their residences as quickly and safely as possible. (Each rider needs to be sure CULift has his or her cell phone number, or let CULift know if he or she does not have a cell phone.)

In cases of inclement weather where Cornell University is open but a professor cancels a class session, or where a rider chooses not to attend class due to developing weather conditions, please use the on-line CULift web scheduling system to cancel rides. If cancelling a ride within the 2 hour minimum, e-mail CULift@cornell.edu with the ride details to cancel. If cancelling a ride that will occur after 3:30 PM and it is later than 3:30 PM at the time of cancellation, also call the night driver at 607-327-1021.

When heavy snow is falling but the university remains open, rides may need to be adjusted or they may be delayed. Please be patient. Roads and sidewalks may not be cleared in time for classes. If you have any concerns about snow removal or your path of travel, let us know. You may also complete the Voluntary Inclement Weather Questionnaire to provide information

Inclement Weather Protocol for Students Receiving Captioning or Interpreting Services

In cases of bad weather where Cornell University is closed and classes are canceled, captioning and interpreting services will not be provided. University operating status, which includes any closing information, can be found at <http://www.cornell.edu/about/status/>.

In cases of inclement weather where Cornell University is open but a professor cancels a class session, or where a student chooses not to attend class due to developing weather conditions, the following protocol should be followed:

- Notify Michele Fish, Associate Director of SDS, of the cancellation via email at sds_cu@cornell.edu.
- Notify the captionist/interpreter of the class session that will be missed or canceled. Captionists/interpreters will provide each student with the best way to contact them in case of last-minute cancellations. This contact information will include a cell phone number where they can be reached by text message and/or an email address.
- Michele Fish (or another SDS staff member) will also contact the captionist/interpreter by telephone to confirm the cancellation.