Inclement Weather Accessibility

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Responsible University Office:

Office of the President

Responsible University Administrator:

Assistant to the Chief of Staff

During inclement weather the Commerce campus and/or off-campus sites may be closed if the current environment or predictions indicate unsafe conditions. A decision to close the university applies to all facilities and services on the Commerce campus, with a few exceptions that must remain open and secure in accordance with university Procedure 34.99.99.R0.01 Section 3.

Facilities where livestock are housed must remain accessible and secure with full access to essential/assigned personnel responsible for the feeding, care, and general husbandry of the animals. Facilities where research is ongoing must remain accessible and secure with full access to essential personnel as assigned by the dean of the responsible college in consultation with the relevant department head. Any other department or facility must have specific approval from the president to open during a university-wide closing.

In the interest of maintaining a safe and secure environment, faculty members who are not essential/assigned personnel must remain off campus during weather related university-wide closings.

Information on campus-wide closings is disseminated via the Lion Safe app, on the university main webpage, and on the university radio station, KETR 88.9 FM. See *Emergency Notification Resources* in Section VII of this handbook for instructions on how to register for Lion Safe.

For more information and details on when closures may be necessary and how they are communicated, please see university Procedure 34.99.99.R0.01.