

## Hazardous Weather Trial Policy for Spring Term 2022

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#### Preamble:

The purpose of this trial policy is to optimize safety for all in the CU Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences (SSPPS) on days when commuter travel is hampered by potentially hazardous weather conditions. This policy will be in effect for spring term 2022. At the conclusion of spring term 2022, we will review the impact of this trial to determine if the policy should be continued, modified, or withdrawn.

#### Policy:

In the event of anticipated hazardous weather **for Denver**, we will monitor the situation and by 10 pm the dean (or delegate) will decide whether the SSPPS will operate in “in person” or “remote” mode for the following day.

- **In person mode** means that education, education support, operations, and research will be conducted as normal.
- **Remote mode** means education, education support, and operations will be conducted remotely (e.g., online lectures, meetings and office work). Research may be conducted remotely or on campus as is deemed safe and necessary.

In trialing this SSPPS-specific policy, there is the potential for some difference between the campus and the school’s approach. The following table describes what will happen in case of this difference:

Situation	Communication will be sent to you via	SSPPS members will
Anschutz campus declares campus closed or on delayed start	The RAVE (text message) system at 5AM on the day of the hazardous weather  All faculty, staff, and students should register for these at: <a href="https://www.cu.edu/uis/about-uis/emergency-alerts">https://www.cu.edu/uis/about-uis/emergency-alerts</a>	Learn, teach, and work remotely whether the campus is closed or on delayed start. Monitor official campus communications regarding any further updates, e.g., extended closure.
SSPPS declares program in remote mode	The email system by 10PM on the night prior to the hazardous weather	Learn, teach, and work remotely ( <b>regardless of whether the Anschutz campus remains open</b> ).  Researchers should consult with their principal investigator to ensure safety and need if on-campus work is required.

The email alert message from SSPSS will be formatted as follows:

Subject line – *SSPPS in remote mode for DATE*

Message – *Due to anticipated hazardous weather tomorrow, the SSPPS will convert to remote mode for 1 day. This means:*

- *Education, education support, and operations will be conducted remotely (e.g., online lectures and meetings).*
- *Faculty, staff, and students will work remotely.*
- *Research may be conducted remotely or on campus as is deemed safe and necessary.*
- *Faculty with clinical service responsibilities should follow existing clinic/hospital policies or contact their sites for additional guidance if needed.*
- *Students on IPPE or APPE rotations are expected to report to their experiential site and will follow any additional guidance from their preceptor(s).*
- *Students wishing to access campus facilities, such as the library, should follow any official campus communications regarding access, and check the campus and library website to see if they are open.*

**All SSPPS communication will be sent via email to students, faculty and staff at or around 10PM. Please monitor email accordingly.**

#### Caveats:

1. We will only send an SSPSS email announcement in the case we convert to remote mode. We will not make an announcement when SSPPS is in in person mode as expected. No message means the SSPPS is open for on-campus learning, teaching, and working.

2. Light snowfall is considered normal **in Denver** winter and spring. We will not convert to remote mode for light snowfall. In this case, plan ahead and do your best to arrive on time. If this is not possible, contact your course director to alert them.
3. On occasion we may experience unusually heavy snowstorms that may require SSPPS to remain in remote mode for more than one day. If this occurs, we will email you by 10pm the night before to notify that remote mode will be extended.
4. When announced, remote mode will apply to all courses. Students should not email each course director individually to ask whether classes will be held on campus.
5. The Strauss Health Sciences Library will remain open with ID badge entry unless the campus is closed.

### **Frequently asked Questions (FAQs)**

#### **If campus is closed, do I get “snow day” (i.e., day off)?**

*No, if the campus is closed, SSPPS will convert to remote mode.*

#### **What if campus is open but it’s my regularly scheduled remote work day?**

*If campus is open but it is your regularly scheduled remote day, work remotely. If you have questions about this, contact your supervisor.*

#### **If campus is open, but the SSPPS declares we are operating in remote mode, which guidance should I follow?**

*Please follow the SSPPS guidance, even if the campus is open. Students will still need to report to experiential sites, unless they are given specific directions otherwise by their preceptor.*

#### **What if SSPPS is operating in in person mode, but I don’t feel safe to drive?**

*Safety is the priority. If you will struggle to reach campus safely, please contact your course director or supervisor for guidance.*

#### **What if SSPPS is operating in in person mode, but my class was already scheduled as remote?**

*If your class is scheduled as remote, it will be held remotely.*

#### **What if I have a required in-person assessment or course activity scheduled for a day when campus closes or SSPPS is operating in remote mode?**

*Your professors will reschedule this for an alternate time. Information will be forthcoming.*