



<u>Inclement Weather Safety</u>	
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Next Scheduled Review: 2024-2025	
Associated Policies & Procedures: <u>VI-47 Inclement Weather - Transportation Cancellation and Emergencies (Child Care)</u> <u>II-07 The School Day (Daily Sessions) - Elementary and Secondary</u> <u>II-26 Managing Student Risk in Interschool Sports</u> <u>II-33 Safe Arrival at School Program</u>	

Purpose

To establish information for the Hudson Valley Community College Personnel in that it will announce a School Safety regarding the safety of students and staff during various inclement weather situations and to ensure consistency among schools when school personnel are making decisions regarding student and staff safety during various inclement weather situations.

Application and Scope

This Administrative Procedure is meant to ensure the safety of all students and staff and applies to all schools and related events during various inclement weather situations that occur during the school day.

References

- [Education Act](#)
- [Occupational Health and Safety Act](#)
- [OPHEA Lightning Protocol](#)
- [OPHEA Sample Air Quality Health Index Preparedness Guide](#)
- [OPHEA Sample Temperature \(Hot/Cold\) Preparedness Guide](#)
- [OPHEA Sample Temperature Process Flow Chart](#)
- [OPHEA Sample UV Index Preparedness Guide](#)

- c) ~~warmer than 20°C: students must remain indoors~~
- d) when the temperature or wind-chill reaches -20C (twenty degrees below zero, Celsius), students will be granted immediate entry to school upon arrival, and students will remain indoors during nutrition breaks. When temperatures thresholds are in effect, students are ~~expected to have their coats and hats on for both with their parents and their teachers before~~ to evacuate the school in case of a need

***Warnings and advisories issued by Halton Health Department at -20°C.*

2. ~~Winter~~ (Hot Weather Action

- a) ~~warmer than 25°C: students may remain outside for all regular outdoor activities~~
- b) ~~between 25°C and 30°C: students may remain outside for all regular outdoor activities~~
- c) ~~warmer than 40°C: students must remain indoors~~

***Warnings and advisories issued by Halton Health Department at 35°C*

3. HEAT STRESS:

~~Heat stress is defined as: Working or playing where it is hot puts stress on your body's...
 ...of fluids, fatigue or some medical conditions as well as humidity, it may lead to heat-related...
 illness, including heat stroke.~~

Environment Canada will issue "Humidex Advisories" when the maximum daily humidex is ~~needed to be 30°C~~ issued for our region, then the Halton ~~Board of Education will~~ <http://www.halton.ca/cms/One.aspx?portalId=8210&pageId=1260>.

When warnings have been issued by Environment Canada, the principal or ~~designate must~~ take the necessary precautions to protect staff and students, including precautions to prevent heat-stress related illnesses.

Refer to HSO – Health and Safety Guidelines – [Heat Stress at Work](#) (Ontario.ca) ([Link](#)).

Annually, during the spring, each school ~~will~~ HSO – Health and Safety Guidelines – Heat Stress.

4. HUMIDEX AND SUN PROTECTION:

Parents/guardians ~~are encouraged to take precautions with their children, i.e. protective clothing, eye wear, sunscreen, etc. when the UV Index is greater than 8.~~

Limit the amount of time in the sun

UV INDEX Exposure Category:





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