

YMCA Policy Changes

EDWARDSVILLE YMCA INCLEMENT WEATHER & BUILDING EMERGENCY CLOSING POLICY

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The Edwardsville YMCA has developed the following inclement weather / emergency building closing policies out of concern for the safety of our members, program participants, guests, and staff. **Please check our website or call in advance to confirm status of classes and facilities on days that the area is experiencing inclement weather.** The YMCA reserves the right to cancel classes and close facilities at any time for safety reasons.

Programs / Classes

- In the event that the Edwardsville School District #7 has a delayed opening or cancels classes due to inclement weather, the Edwardsville YMCA will cancel all instructor-led classes / programs (except Activity Day Camp) until 12:00 noon. The YMCA will reevaluate the weather conditions during the morning to determine if afternoon classes/programs (12:00 – 4:00 pm) will be held. A decision will be posted by 11:00 am. A decision on evening classes/programs (4:00 pm – close) will be posted by 3:00 pm. This includes programs classes and lessons, drop in classes, team practices, and facility rentals.
- Weekends: The decision to cancel weekend classes/programs due to inclement weather is that of the CEO or his designate. All instructor-led classes meeting before 12:00 noon will be cancelled first. The YMCA will reevaluate the weather conditions during the morning to determine if afternoon classes/programs (12:00 – 4:00 pm) will be held; a decision will be posted by 11:00 am. A decision on evening classes/programs (4:00 pm – close) will be posted by 3:00 pm. This includes programs classes and lessons, drop in classes, team practices, and facility rentals.
- Outdoor programs /special events: Status of outdoor league games, programs, and special event will be determined by the program director. Cancellation information for each individual class/program will be distributed based on procedures handed out at beginning of class/program.

Please note that any classes cancelled due to inclement weather or emergency building closing will not be rescheduled because of space and scheduling conflicts. Credits will be issued for cancelled classes and will be available at the front service desk on or before the next session sign up date.

Building Closings

- As a service to the community, the YMCA will make every effort to open regular hours during most cases of inclement weather. Certain areas of the YMCA will open only if staff can arrive safely to the site. The YMCA reserves the right to close the entire facility depending on the severity of the inclement weather if it is deemed in the best interest of our members, guest, and staff. The decision to close the YMCA facility due to inclement weather is that of the CEO or his designate.
- Lightning: According to Health Department regulations, in the event of lightning, our pools will remain closed for 20 minutes after last bolt of lightning has been sighted.
- The YMCA reserves the right to close the gymnasium to all non-members due to crowded conditions.

For weather related closing/cancellations - YMCA patrons are advised to check our web site at www.edwardsvilleonline.com/ymca or contact either YMCA facility for up-to-date information during times when inclement weather could cause program cancellations or building closure.

