



## Severe Weather Protocols

### What do the Activation Tiers mean?

#### Tier 1 Activation:

- Triggers at daily high temperatures predicted at 45 degrees or below for 3 consecutive days
- Activities include:
  - Increased outreach through contracted providers and community groups
  - Regular communication to partners through email list-serv and calls
  - Service provider access to emergency funding for harm reduction survival supplies such as warm clothing, wool or synthetic socks and warm gloves, sleeping bags, blankets, handwarmers, and food

Historical Tier 1 Activation	2018	2019	2020	2021
# of days that reached the threshold	7	25	2	25

#### Tier 2 Activation:

- Triggers at one or more of the following: Daily high temperature predicted at 40 for 3 consecutive days, daily low temperature predicted at 35 for 3 consecutive days, snow or rain accumulation greater than 2 inches
- Activities include:
  - Tier 1 plus
  - Daily coordination calls
  - Expand capacity at emergency shelters, including extended day center hours, overnight shelter, and 24/7 shelter
  - Distribute food to shelter sites

Historical Tier 2 Activation	2018	2019	2020	2021
# of days that reached the criteria	32	51	44	28

Tier 3 Activation:

- Triggers at one or more of the following: Daily high temperature predicted at 35 or below for a single day, daily low temperatures predicted at 30 or below for a single day, snow or rain accumulation greater than 4 inches
- Additional activities include:
  - Tiers 1 and 2 plus
  - Coordinate with cities for opening city-owned sites in addition to RHA contracted provider sites
  - Support food distribution with snow-ready vehicles
  - Provide secure storage for belongings to encourage people to come to shelters
  - Coordinate with transportation providers

Historical Tier 3 Activation	2018	2019	2020	2021
# of days that reached the criteria	15	31	12	16