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Cold Weather Activation Thresholds

TIER 1 - Increased Outreach and Survival Supplies Distribution		
Daily high temperatures predicted at 45°F or below for 3 days		<i>Apparent Temperature</i> conditions, coupled with low temperatures, predict increased life-threatening conditions
Activation		
Increased outreach through contracted providers and other formal and informal community groups to vulnerable unsheltered people		Providers have access to a shared warehouse/storage space to be used for targeted severe weather life support for people living outside
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KCRHA communication through email list-serv, scheduled and ad hoc meetings • Geographic prioritization based on forecasted weather conditions • Agencies have access to increased funding that can be used for additional purchase of supplies, distribution of supplies, and increased navigation to get people inside 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easily accessible sites located across the region outreach providers to access • Supplies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clothing • Harm reduction supplies • Non-perishable food and water • Survival supplies including tents, sleeping bags, etc. 	
TIER 2 - Opening of Short-Term Emergency Shelters		
<i>Activation threshold is met when one or more of these conditions is present</i>		
Daily high temperatures predicted at 40°F or below for 3 days	Daily low temperatures predicted at 35°F or below for 3 days	Snow or rain accumulation greater than 2 inches
Activation		
<i>Tier 1 Activation Plus:</i>		
Open temporary emergency shelters (also known as severe weather shelters), seek expansions to existing emergency shelter programs including 24/7 shelters and night-by-night shelters	Support food distribution to temporary shelter sites	Update communications materials including but not limited to KCRHA's Severe Weather webpage, and flyers, to include up-to-date information
TIER 3 – Expanded Emergency Operations		
<i>Activation threshold is met when one or more of these conditions is present</i>		
Daily high temperatures predicted at 35°F or below for a single day	Daily low temperatures predicted at 30°F or below for a single day	Snow/rain accumulation greater than 4 inches
Activation		
<i>Tier 1 and 2 Activation Plus:</i>		
Coordination with transit and transportation partners to shelter sites	Explore securing storage for belongings to encourage people to come into shelters	
Coordinate with cities to open local city halls and other City-owned properties for warming centers and/or 24/7 emergency shelters	Support food distribution to shelter sites and day centers with a focus on snow-ready vehicles	Open emergency daytime warming centers and day centers, including libraries