



KCRHA

King County Regional Homelessness Authority

Severe Weather Update

December 6, 2023

Role of KCRHA in Severe Weather

To provide an emergency system of services, including opening safe, short-term emergency day and nighttime shelters, and coordinating outreach to unsheltered people.



Stages of Response

- Monitoring
- Pre-Activation
- Activation
- Operations
- De-Activation
- Post Event



Winter Weather Response Tiers

Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daily high temps 45 or below for 3 days• Real Feel (wind, rain) conditions predict dangerous situations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daily high temperatures predicted at 40 degrees or below for 3 days• OR daily low temperatures predicted at 35 degrees or below for 3 days• OR snow/ rain accumulation greater than 2 inches	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daily high temperatures predicted at 35 degrees or below for a single day• OR daily low temperatures predicted at 30 degrees or below for a single day• OR snow/rain accumulation greater than 4 inches
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Increased Outreach and Survival Supplies	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Increased Outreach and Survival Supplies2. Opening of Temporary Emergency Shelters	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Increased Outreach and Survival Supplies2. Opening of Temporary Emergency Shelters3. Expanded transportation, storage, warming centers, hotel stays



Where People Go

- Existing Emergency Shelters with Drop-In
- Existing Emergency Shelters with Expanded Capacity
- Stand-Up Severe Weather Shelters
- Stand-Up Warming Centers
- King County Library Locations
- Family Shelter Intake Line



First Activation for Winter 2023

- KCRHA activated a Tier 2 response from October 27 through October 29, 2023 and the response included:
 - The Salvation Army – shelter for single adults
 - Low Income Housing Institute – shelter for single adults
 - YWCA – hotel vouchers for families



Second Activation for Winter 2023

- KCRHA activated a Tier 2 response from November 23 through November 29, 2023 and the response included:
 - The Salvation Army – shelter for single adults
 - YWCA – hotel vouchers for families



Improving our Response

- Five-Year Plan Severe Weather Activities:
 - Expand number of Severe Weather Shelters
 - Coordinate & Centralize the Severe Weather Response Countywide
 - Expand Outreach During Severe Weather Events
 - Incorporate Severe Weather Funding into Existing Contracts
 - Improve Guests Connections to Services During & After Activation
- Shift to Seasonal Shelters
- Shoring up funding & reimbursement processes
- Exploring partnerships to equip and deploy community volunteers and to identify additional shelter host sites.



Next Steps

- KCRHA awarded **Urban League** for North King County Severe Weather Request for Proposals (RFP)
- KCRHA in discussion with South King County about resource availability and preparation for severe weather response.
- KCRHA in discussions with various government partners to prepare for the severe weather season.





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Continuum of Care Convening Update

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Updates

- Alan Guttirez and Zsa Zsa Floyd are the point people for the CoC Convening Workgroup.
- The CoC Convening is scheduled on December 19, 2023 and it will be a virtual meeting.
- CoC Convening agenda will be distributed soon.
- **Thank you to the members of the CoC Convening Workgroup!**





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