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# Cold Weather Activation Thresholds

TIER 1 - Increased Outreach and Survival Supplies Distribution		
<p>Activation threshold is met when one or more of these conditions is present based on forecasts for each of the 39 King County urban areas. Activations outside of Seattle may differ.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Daily high temperatures predicted at 45°F or below for 3 days</li> <li><i>Apparent Temperature</i> conditions, coupled with low temperatures, predict increased life-threatening conditions</li> </ul>
Activation		
<p><b>Before 12/31/24:</b> KCRHA shifts to ready posture. Increased outreach through contracted providers and other formal and informal community groups to vulnerable unsheltered people</p>		<p><b>After 12/31/24:</b> KCRHA shifts to ready posture. Preparing for and watching for potential Tier 2</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>KCRHA Programs communication through email list-serve, scheduled and ad hoc meetings</li> <li>Geographic prioritization based on forecasted weather conditions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seattle: check in with Unified Care Team about increased outreach by providers</li> <li>North King County: check in with contracted providers for increased outreach</li> <li>Other Areas: Contact Severe Weather Responders and Outreach to note of anticipated Tier 2 or 3 activation</li> </ul>	
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 in a 24-hour period.
Activation		
<i>Tier 1 Activation Plus:</i>		
Open KCRHA-funded temporary emergency shelters (also known as severe weather shelters), contracted to engage at Tier 2; 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 for a 24-hour period or longer</i>		
Daily high temperatures predicted at 35°F or below for a single day	Daily low temperatures predicted at 30°F or below	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 (for example, medically fragile or disabled individuals)	Open emergency daytime and overnight warming centers and day centers, including libraries	
Where applicable: Coordinate with cities to open local city halls and other city-owned properties for warming centers and/or 24/7 emergency shelters		