Policy: PA Program Campus Closure and Inclement Weather Policy	**Applicability:** PA Sciences Program Students and Faculty
Policy Owner: PA Sciences Program	**Approved By:** Dean of the School of Graduate Studies and Research
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PURPOSE:
The purpose of this policy is: To provide guidance to be used when Meharry Medical College Physician Assistant Program will cancel classes or close due to inclement weather, emergency conditions, natural disasters or other unexpected emergencies or hazardous conditions.

POLICY: MMC PA Program follows the MMC Inclement Weather and Emergency Closing Policy.

Please refer to the link below for the policy:
https://home.mmc.edu/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/inclementweatherpolicy.pdf

Additional Policy:
Clinical rotations outside of the MMC campus will abide by the Preceptor decision at the clinic/hospital site regarding rotation attendance, including remaining at the clinical site if road conditions are hazardous. The student is to notify the MMC PA Program if not attending an off-campus rotation.

A campus closed alert means that regularly scheduled classes are cancelled for all students on the closed campus. Course Directors will do their best to adjust subsequent class schedules to minimize the ultimate impact of lost class time.

DEFINITIONS:
Inclement Weather – Severe or harsh weather condition that makes it unsafe or impractical to travel, commute, or work outdoors.

PROCEDURE:
The following apply:

1. If an exam has started once a campus closure has been issued, students should be aware that the examination will be completed while the campus is closed.
2. Campus is closed before an exam begins: Course or EOR exam must be rescheduled. All courses should have an alternate exam day and time scheduled; the rescheduled exam will occur on this backup day. If campus is closed on the backup day, then the exam will

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be rescheduled for a subsequent time. Students should be aware this means an examination may be delivered on a separate day and time when the class does not usually meet. Students will be notified of the decision by the Course Director.

3. There are lectures and no required activity: Course Director will reschedule activity. Another possibility is the MMC campus will not be closed for the entire day but may open late such as at 10:00 am. In this case all activities that were originally scheduled to occur after the opening time will still occur, including exams. Activities that were scheduled for earlier than the opening time (e.g., from 8-10 if the campus opens at 10:00), then the numbered policies above will be followed.

When adverse weather conditions are likely, or there are other situations that could affect a student's expected participation, discussing options in advance is recommended. There may be emergency situations that warrant exclusions to this policy. In these situations, the Course Director or other persons in authority may alter this policy to appropriately deal with the emergency.

Students should have access to contact numbers of the persons with whom they work and similarly should share their own contact information. Good communication will go far to minimize misinterpretation of unexpected absences.