

University Weather Policy

If severe weather threatens Shaw University, the Vice President for Operations, in consultation with the Vice President for Student Affairs and University's Chief of Police, will decide if the University will open, close or report a delayed opening. Shaw is committed to fulfilling its instructional obligations, so it is the University's intent to conduct classes as long as it can maintain reasonable conditions and safety on campus, and the roads in the immediate areas are reasonably passable.

The Vice President for Operations, in conjunction with other campus departments, will monitor conditions during a weather alert. The University takes into account the condition of campus parking lots and roads; the availability of uninterrupted electrical service; the condition of state and local roads as indicated by road and storm advisories; weather forecasts; ice, wind and severely cold temperatures.

Closure Decision Times:

The decision to remain open, report a delayed opening or to cancel morning classes (those starting before 12:30 p.m.) will be made before 5:00 a.m. (if timing for the decision permits), in order to provide sufficient time to notify the media and the University community.

The decision to remain open, report a delayed opening or to cancel afternoon classes (12:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.) will be made before 9:30 a.m.

The decision to remain open or to cancel evening classes (those starting at 5:00 p.m. or later) will be made before 3 p.m. (if timing for the decision permits).

After a decision is made to change the University's operations, University communications will be notified. University Communications will:

1. The communications manager will report a change in University operations to the following media outlets:
 - a. WRAL-TV (Channel 5) also on www.wral.com
 - b. CBS17 (Channel 17) also on www.cbs17.com
 - c. WTVD-TV (Channel 11) also on www.abclocal.go.com/wtvd
 - d. News14 Carolina (Time Warner Cable) also on <http://triangle.news14.com/>
2. The digital media manager will post and send the notification the following ways:
 - a. Website: www.shawu.edu
 - b. Facebook: www.facebook.com/ShawUniversity
 - c. Twitter: www.twitter.com/ShawUniversity
 - d. Instagram: www.instagram.com/ShawUniversity
 - e. Regroup Mass Notification: Send mass communication via Regroup notification system
 - f. Send a University wide e-mail message to the Shaw University "all users and all students" email list.
3. The communications manager will notify Shaw's IT Department to record a message on the University's switchboard (919.546.8200) regarding the change in operations.

The cancellation of programs at off-site locations, athletic events and special events will be made on a case-specific basis, and will be announced through the above-mentioned outlets.

Finding Closure Information:

Information regarding any closings will be carried on the switchboard (919.546.8200); the University's home page (www.shawu.edu) and campus alert page (www.shawu.edu/Alert); the University's official social media pages (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram) and as well as other local television stations.