



Cancellation of MHLS Sponsored System Wide Events due to Winter Storms

Proposed Revision Highlighted in Yellow

1. MHLS sponsored system wide events will be canceled up to 24 hours prior to the event if a Winter Storm Advisory/Watch/Warning or Blizzard Warning is issued by the National Weather Service <http://www.weather.gov/> which includes: (1) the date/time of the event, and (2) **an area equal to or greater than one of the five counties** in the MHLS service region.
2. Participants in MHLS events should follow Winter Storm Watch, Warning, and Advisory information issued by the National Weather Service and act according to this policy regarding event attendance.
3. In the case of the cancellation of an MHLS event, MHLS staff will attempt to notify persons planning to attend the event including posting cancellation information on the MHLS homepage.
4. In the case participants paid an event fee, participants registered will be eligible for a refund.
5. Definitions:

MHLS System Wide Events – Includes: (1) professional development and continuing education classes with a system wide audience; (2) Directors Association (DA) meetings and DA committee meetings, and (3) MHLS Board meetings and Board committee meetings.

Winter Storm Watches, Warnings, and Advisories Issued by National Weather Service

- Winter Weather Advisory -- When a significant winter storm or hazardous winter weather is occurring, imminent, and is an inconvenience.
- Winter Storm Watch -- Significant winter weather (i.e., heavy snow, heavy sleet, significant freezing rain, or a combination of events) is expected, but not imminent, for the watch area; provides 12 to 36 hours notice of the possibility of severe winter weather.
- Winter Storm Warning -- A significant winter storm or hazardous winter weather is occurring, imminent, or likely, and is a threat to life and property.
- Blizzard Warning -- Winds that are at least 35 mph or greater, blowing snow that will frequently reduce visibility to 1/4 mile or less for at least three hours, and dangerous wind chills are expected in the warning area.

Cancellation of MHLS Sponsored Events Not Due to Winter Storms

MHLS may need, on occasion, to cancel an event due to circumstances other than a winter storm. In those cases, MHLS will attempt to notify persons planning to attend the event including posting cancellation information on the MHLS homepage.

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