GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Executive Office of the Mayor



Wednesday, February 12, 2014 Cold Emergency Activation

On Wednesday, February 12, 2014, the Cold Emergency Alert will be activated. Please note that due to the amount of snow expected, it will not be safe to operate warming buses. No warming buses will be in operation, additional warming sites will be opened. Extra outreach will commence today to bring homeless individuals to safe and warm facilities before the weather makes transport dangerous. Staff will be present at the following former warming bus locations to inform, direct and request transport for homeless individuals to other warming site locations.

- Judiciary Square Area (5th and C Streets, NW)
- Union Station (2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE)
- Farragut Square Area (17th and H Streets, NW)
- West End Library Parking Lot (24th and L Streets, NW)

The following locations will be open as warming sites:

- Old DC Council Chamber (441 4th Street, NW)
- Additional sites to be determined

When the actual or forecasted temperature or wind chill is 32 degrees F or below, the District issues a Hypothermia Alert. If the actual or forecasted temperature or wind chill is 15 degrees or below, or 20 degrees with precipitation or other cold indicators, a Cold Emergency Alert will be activated. This means that additional services and supports are available to help homeless residents. To request support for persons who are homeless and on the street now, contact the Shelter Hotline at 1-800-535-7252 or 311 or email uposh@upo.org. Visit www.dmhhs.dc.gov for updates.

KEY CONTACT INFORMATION

| DC Shelter Hotline | Websites | Twitter | Text Alerts |
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| • 1-800-535-7252 | • <u>Dmhhs.dc.gov</u> | • @DCHypothermia | Register with Alert DC online at |
| • 202-399-7093 | <u>hsema.dc.gov</u> | • @DC_HSEMA | https://textalert.ema.dc.gov/register.php |
| • 311 | • snow.dc.gov | @mayorvincegray | Register by texting "DC" to 411911 |
| • uposh@upo.org | | | |
| Call Washington Humane Society at 202-723-5730 24 hours/day to report cruelty, neglect and animal emergencies. | | | |