

# YMCA of the Cedar Rapids Metropolitan Area

## Inclement Weather Policies



The YMCA has developed the following inclement weather policies out of concern for the safety of our members, program participants, guests, and staff. For weather-related closings/cancellations, check our website at [www.crmetroymca.org](http://www.crmetroymca.org). (The website is our FIRST line of communication regarding Inclement Weather.) Also, check local TV/Radio.



If a school has a weather-related cancellation, any youth or adult programs held **ON SCHOOL GROUNDS**, are cancelled. Decisions for YMCA youth and adult programs, **held at a YMCA location** will be made by 3pm on a questionable day. Please check our website for the most recent cancellation or postponement information.

### **\*NEW\* A Way to Get Cancellations of Youth Sports and Classes - Twitter**

We are always working to find better ways to communication with you about MANY things but cancellations of games, classes and practices have always been the most difficult. So we are introducing a new way to get that information QUICKLY and DIRECTLY to your mobile phone. WE PROMISE TO SEND ONLY CANCELLATION INFORMATION FROM THIS ACCOUNT.

It's simple and easy to use. Here's how:

1. Become a user of [twitter](https://twitter.com). (Skip this step if you're already a twitter user.)
2. Next follow [@crmetyomca\\_yth](https://twitter.com/crmetroymca_yth).
3. Then, go to Settings, Devices.
4. Add your mobile phone number.
5. Go to your 'following' link at the top your page.
6. Click the phone icon next to [@crmetyomca\\_yth](https://twitter.com/crmetroymca_yth). (It should turn green.)
7. You are then ready to get mobile updates from us regarding cancellations ONLY.

### **Child Care Programs:**

- **Early School Dismissals:** If school dismisses early due to inclement weather, Child Care *will be open*. However, the YMCA will not provide van transportation to the sites. Parents/Guardians may bring students to the sites.
- **School Cancellations:** The YMCA *will attempt* to provide child care when school is cancelled due to weather. The program will start ONLY if the staff can arrive safely to the site. Please call the site coordinator for up-to-date information. (See telephone numbers below.)
- **School Delays:** If the start of school is delayed, the YMCA WILL provide child care. However, if the weather worsens, the YMCA reserves the right to close child care. Parents/Guardians will be notified regarding the time to pick up children.
- School Age Child Care program participants should call their Site Coordinator if uncertain about whether or not your site it is open.

### **Site Coordinators' Cell Phone Numbers:**

**Marion:** (319) 551-0120

**Truman:** (319) 551-0121

**Van Buren:** (319) 551-3902

**Lightning:** In the event of lightning, our pools will close for ½ hour after last bolt of lightning has been sighted.

**Weekends:** Decisions regarding changes in youth/adult programs and classes due to inclement weather will be made as soon as possible and relayed to the local media. Please check [www.crmetroymca.org](http://www.crmetroymca.org) for the most accurate information regarding program status.

**Building Closings:** In most cases of inclement weather, the YMCA will hold regular hours. *HOWEVER*, if safety is a concern, the Helen G. Nassif, Marion, Marion Independent Fitness Center and Stoney Point YMCAs *may open later or close early*. Please check [www.crmetroymca.org](http://www.crmetroymca.org) for the most accurate information regarding our building or program status.