

## OWS Partner Agency Actions for Cold Weather Response

The National Weather Service in cooperation with area wide Health Departments will issue Severe Cold Weather Health Alerts. Health emergencies will be declared only by the appropriate local/state government entity.

### OWS Agency Responsibilities

1. Each agency will take the responsibility to monitor the National Weather Service's (NWS) forecast to learn of weather watches and warnings. This will eliminate the need for a "call tree" process. The NWS representative to OWS will keep OWS members aware of possible advisories/watches/warnings through e-mails or telephone calls whenever possible.
2. Each OWS agency and community partner has documented certain actions that will take place to prepare for cold weather and during the winter months. See below and the back of this page for a list of those actions.

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### Preparing for the Cold Weather Season

- **OWS Membership** (In October/November)
  - Update Cold Weather media information and fact sheets for community outreach and education
  - Respond to requests to attend community fairs and make available a speaker's bureau on an as needed basis.
  - Proactively involve other agencies, organizations, news media and faith based groups, etc. to increase awareness of the dangers of excessive cold and to partner in an effort to save lives.
  - Review current "Cold Weather Rule" and Energy Assistance Programs
- **Health Department:**
  - ⇒ St. Louis City – Charles Pratt (314-612-5309)
  - ⇒ St. Louis County – Dr. H. Douglas Adams (314-615-1601)
  - ⇒ St. Charles County – Cameron Satterfield (636-949-7408)
  - ⇒ Jefferson County – Dennis Diehl (636-789-3372 x104)
  - Confirm and update protocols
  - Work with OWS Communications Committee to update media information and fact sheets on the dangers of excessive cold weather.
- **St. Louis City Neighborhood Stabilization Office:**
  - ⇒ Coordinated through City of St. Louis Department of Human Services
  - Alert NSO's to review procedures for identifying cold related situations, available resources to receive assistance and to get information about the dangers of excessive cold and available resources out to residents during neighborhood meetings.
- **Community Action Agencies:**
  - ⇒ HDC; CAASTL; NECAC; Jefferson/Franklin CAA
  - Mail LIHEAP applications to a) seniors; b) disabled; c) others who received assistance previous heating season
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### Responding to Cold Weather

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- Begin surveillance, monitoring morbidity and mortality, due to severe cold weather
  
- **St. Louis Area Agency on Aging (SLAAA) (St. Louis City)**
  - ⇒ Anneliese Stoever (314-612-5917)
- Monitor health conditions of seniors/disabled who receive home delivered meals
- Encourage “at risk” seniors/disabled to sign up for telephone reassurance through the RUOK program, if not receiving home delivered meals
  
- **County Older Residents Program (CORP)**
  - ⇒ Ellen Sherman (314-615-4559)
- Provide seniors with telephone reassurance program in St. Louis County
  
- **Catholic Charities – Housing Resource Center**
  - ⇒ 314-802-5444
- Maintain database of area shelters, provide referral and gather statistical information
- Provide street “outreach” to locate homeless persons, offer shelter, blankets, etc.
  
- **Media Response (Other partners may be referred to, as appropriate)**
  - ⇒ Health Department(s) – issue press releases
  - ⇒ Jim Kramper – National Weather Service (1-636-447-1876)