



SSPC
Children's
Center

Weather and Emergency Closing Policy

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There are times when hazardous weather and emergency situations require the Center to delay opening, close entirely, or close early. Decisions are made with regard to the safety of children, staff and parents by the Director and are based on the best available information.

- The Children's Center is automatically closed if Montgomery County Government offices are closed.
- The Center will open one hour late (8:00 am) when Montgomery County Public Schools are **delayed** one or two hours (Not Closed)
- If Montgomery County Public schools are **closed**, notice of SSPC CC's operational status will be posted on our web site, TV stations referenced below and their respective websites.
- The Center may opt to close if hazardous weather (or other hazardous condition) is predicted or reported in current news reports.
- A decision on closings will be made by 6 am to give parents as much notice as possible to make other childcare arrangements.
- If hazardous weather or an emergency situation (i.e. homeland security concern) develops during the course of the day after the Center has opened, the Center reserves the option to close early.

Notificaton regarding changes in operation will be posted on our website sspcchildrenscenter.com, television stations wjla and news channel 8 and their respective websites.

Please note: Late pick-up fees apply if parents are late when the center has an early closing. Late pick-ups during these instances, however, will not count toward families' maximum number of late pick-ups.

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Weather and emergency closing procedures
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