

MASTER OF ATHLETIC TRAINING PROGRAM

MAT Student Inclement Weather Policy for Clinical Education Assignments

Inclement weather can create hazards for the MAT student specific to traveling to campus and/or clinical education sites. The safety of the MAT student is at all times a priority of the MAT program, and at no time will clinical education assignment attendance be expected during times of impending inclement weather. To stay up-to-date as to the campus' status specific to impending weather, it is imperative that everyone involved has their campus emergency information updated.

The MAT program has developed the following policy for MAT students and assigned MAT program preceptors to assist all parties specific to clinical education during times of evident or approaching inclement weather:

MAT Students:

Communication is key for keeping all involved parties aware of your situation. Ensure that upon starting a new clinical education assignment you have both email and cell phone numbers of your assigned preceptor.

Campus/Site Closure: During those times that the UH Campus or off-campus site is closed due to inclement weather (e.g. flooding, approaching severe storm, etc), MAT students will be excused from that day's clinical education assignment. In the event that the campus/site opens late and/or closes early due to inclement weather, it is expected that the MAT student communicate with his or her assigned preceptor to discuss concerns specific to travel. Specific areas to discuss include potential hazards such as localized flooding in your part of town that may not affect the UH campus or off-campus clinical site itself.

Non-campus closure: In the event that inclement weather is occurring or is approaching and the UH campus does not intend to close, it is expected that the MAT student make a reasonable attempt to attend that day's clinical education assignment, including the possibility of arriving as a result of allowing the inclement weather to pass. However, if the MAT student feels that hazards may exist specific to travel to or from campus (e.g. localized flooding), it is expected that the MAT student contact the preceptor via text or phone as early as possible to communicate any potential travel issues.

MAT Preceptors:

It is the MAT program policy that no student be punished for missing a clinical education assignment as a direct result of existing or approaching inclement weather. When possible, the MAT program will send out prior communications and updates specific to an impending weather situation. We ask that you as a preceptor use good judgment specific to expectations of the MAT student during times of inclement weather, and cover these expectations with the MAT student at the beginning of the clinical education assignment.

It is possible that teams may practice on campus or at an off-campus clinical site despite campus/site closure; in the event this happens it is important that you understand that the MAT student will likely not be there that day and/or should be dismissed (in the event the UH campus/site closes early) if he or she feels that inclement weather may affect their ability to arrive home safely.