

# INCLEMENT WEATHER INFORMATION!

**SNOW DAYS, CLOSINGS, and DELAYED OPENINGS:** We are obligated to maintain state-mandated adult/child ratios whenever the Center is open. Every effort will be made to keep the Center operating on inclement weather days. The decision on whether normal Center operations will be canceled or altered will be at the discretion of the Executive Director.

In case of inclement weather Ithaca Community Childcare Center may choose to delay opening, close early or close for the day. The following factors are considered by the Executive Director when making weather related decisions; weather conditions in Ithaca and surrounding communities, the decisions of other local agencies regarding their opening/closing hours, the ability of staff to commute safely to the Center due to many of our employees living outside the Center's immediate vicinity, and recommendations of the Tompkins County Sherriff's Department.

Please note that on days of severely adverse weather conditions, staff absenteeism may be higher than normal.

Be prepared: Stay tuned to the weather forecasts during the winter, listen to the radio in the morning and throughout the day on particularly inclement days, and have specific back-up coverage prepared for your child's care and/or emergency pick-up.

**IF IC3 PROGRAMS ARE CLOSED, DELAYED:** you may receive a text message, email or hear an announcement on local radio stations/News 10 Now by 6:45 am.

A delay allows an appropriate decision to be made. Taking into consideration information gathered from the resources mentioned above. This means that a decision is in the process of being made. When on a delay, the Center will not open before 9:30AM. We may open as late as 11AM or cancel for the day. **The final decision will be texted/emailed to families as well as announced on local radio stations/News 10 Now between 8-9 AM.**

For your convenience, **we will also change the message on the IC3 voice mail informing you about a delay or closing.** Simply dial our main number and press 7 after the greeting. Please be patient when calling because there will be several calls coming in at once.

If there will be an **EARLY CLOSING,** a decision will be made by 12 noon, this means that due to worsening conditions, the Center will close early. The center will make every effort via phone call, email or text message to reach families regarding the early closing.

Please check the following locations for any questions regarding closing or delay information:

Our website: [www.ictthree.org](http://www.ictthree.org)

Call the main center 607-257-0200 and press 7 after the greeting.

The following radio stations will be contacted regarding the Center's decision for early dismissal, delay or closing. Tune in or check their websites:

**WHCU (870 AM)**  
**WTKO (1470 AM)**  
**WSKG (90.9 FM)**

**WYXL (97.3 FM)**  
**Hits (103.3 FM)**  
**WQNY (103.7 FM)**

**WVBR (9305 FM)/Cornell list serve**  
**I100 (99.9/100.3 FM)**  
**Channel 10 News Now**

IC3 will also be utilizing our email system and text messaging through our database. If you haven't already registered your cell phone number and carrier with the front desk, please do so to get important delay/closing information.

*Contact: Executive Director for more information or assistance.*