



## MCBA Winter Weather Policy for Cancellations

MCBA prioritizes the well-being of all members. Weather conditions may differ across areas within the county and neighboring counties; therefore, each member is responsible for determining whether it is safe to travel. MCBA is unable to make this determination on behalf of individuals. If a member feels uncomfortable driving for any reason, they should choose not to do so and promptly notify their section leader regarding their absence from rehearsal or concert.

As a result, it is important to stay informed about your local forecasts and any advisories issued for your specific area. MCBA encourages members to regularly check reliable weather sources to ensure their safety and preparedness for unexpected changes.

### **Decision to Cancel:**

MCBA will decide on cancellations using these criteria and any current weather information.

- In the event that Medina County is placed under an Ohio Level 2 or 3 snow emergency, as defined by the State of Ohio, the rehearsal or concert will be cancelled.
- If a Weather WARNING is issued by the State of Ohio, the event may be cancelled based on the timing and specifics of the weather situation.
- The MCBA Weather Committee will carefully review all official weather notices issued by the state when making final decisions regarding event cancellations.

**Time of Cancellation:** The committee will, to the best of its ability, notify participants of any event (rehearsal or concert) cancellation at least two hours prior to the scheduled start time.

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### Attachments:

Snow Emergency definitions for the State of Ohio  
Weather Terms defined by the State of Ohio

In Medina County, snow emergencies are defined using a three-level classification system mandated by the Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness and issued by the Medina County Sheriff. These levels indicate the severity of road conditions and establish travel guidelines for residents.

### Medina County Snow Emergency Levels

- **Level 1 (Low):** Roadways are hazardous due to blowing and drifting snow and potential ice. Motorists are advised to drive with caution.
- **Level 2 (Moderate):** Roadways are extremely hazardous with accumulated, blowing, and drifting snow and/or ice. Travel is recommended only if absolutely necessary, and residents should check with their employers.
- **Level 3 (High):** All roadways are closed to non-emergency personnel. Only travel for life-threatening emergencies is permitted. Violators may face arrest for misconduct at an emergency.

The Medina County Sheriff is responsible for declaring and lifting these levels based on road conditions. For updates, residents can consult the [Medina County Sheriff's Facebook page](#) or the [OHGO traffic map](#).



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## Weather Terms

The National Weather Service (NWS) is responsible for issuing winter storm warnings, watches and advisories to alert the public when dangerous winter conditions are expected.

- **Watch** - A weather watch means there is the potential or conditions exist for a dangerous weather event.
- **Warning** - A weather warning means that a dangerous weather event is imminent. Immediate action must be taken to protect life and property.
- **Advisory** - A weather advisory means weather conditions that are less serious than a warning are imminent. These events may cause a significant inconvenience, and if caution is not exercised, it could lead to a situation that may be threatening to life and property.

**Hazardous Weather Outlook** - Issued daily, a hazardous weather outlook highlights any significant weather conditions that may develop. It is intended to provide information on the potential of significant weather over the next week.

**Special Weather Statement** - Provides the public with information concerning ongoing weather hazards, including strong storms that may become severe.

**Short Term Forecast** - A short-term forecast describes the weather in the local area and includes a short-range forecast (usually not more than six hours). This product will be updated more frequently when it is used during active weather. A short-term forecast is sometimes referred to as a "NOW-cast."