DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY Postgraduate Medical Education **PGME Weather-Related Campus and Teaching Site Closures Guidelines**	*Policy Sponsor:* Faculty of Medicine	*Approval Date:* *November 20, 2026*
	Responsible Unit: Postgraduate Medical Education	*Amendments:*

When a university campus is closed due to severe weather or other emergency conditions, buildings and facilities located on that campus may also be closed, and scheduled classes and academic activities may be cancelled. Postgraduate medical trainees, including residents and fellows, are members of distributed training programs that operate across multiple teaching sites throughout Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island. As a result, University campus closure decisions do not automatically apply to all clinical learning environments, hospitals, or other affiliated teaching sites.

Residents and fellows are expected to make every reasonable effort to fulfill their clinical and educational responsibilities at their assigned training sites. However, trainee safety remains paramount. Trainees are not expected to place themselves at undue risk when travelling during severe weather conditions or other events that significantly affect transportation or road safety.

Residents and fellows who believe that weather, road conditions, travel advisories, or other circumstances may make travel unsafe, particularly those with extended commutes between their residence and clinical training site, should promptly notify their supervising physician and/or Program Director to discuss alternative arrangements. Such arrangements may include delayed arrival, remote participation in educational activities where feasible, reassignment of duties, or excused absence, as appropriate to the clinical and educational circumstances.

Program Directors and supervisors should consider local conditions, travel distances, applicable weather warnings, and patient care requirements when determining appropriate accommodations. Decisions should balance trainee safety, continuity of patient care, and educational requirements.

Trainees should monitor local weather forecasts, emergency notifications, and site-specific communications and are encouraged to maintain regular communication with their supervisors during severe weather events.