Inclement Weather Policy for Clerkships (MD)

I. Purpose
This Policy outlines student responsibilities with regard to covering rotations in inclement weather.

II. Scope
This Policy applies to all Albert Einstein College of Medicine (“Einstein” or “College”) faculty and students.

III. Policy

III.A. General
Student safety is a priority, and during inclement weather students should check the Einstein Web site for up to date information, contact Security at 718-430-2180 for specific transportation schedules, and communicate with their site leaders.

III.B. Third-Year Clerkships
Third-year students are expected to be on service if the school's transportation is operating. Students are advised to confirm that the site is open especially for Family Medicine, Geriatrics, or any ambulatory assignment. If transportation was not operating early in the day or if there were delays, students should check with Security at 718-430-2180 to find out when transportation will be available as the clerkships will expect students at the hospitals once service resumes. Any student who can walk or safely arrange alternative transportation is encouraged to report for duty as originally scheduled. Students are advised to contact their site leaders to let them know when they will be reporting for duty.

Official snow days that result in no transportation service being provided will not count as absences. End of clerkship examinations will take place on the scheduled day and students are expected to be present, even if the school is officially closed.

This may require that students arrange for overnight housing on or close to campus in advance of any storm.

III.C. Fourth-Year Rotations
Fourth-year students doing their Sub-Internships are expected to be at work as they function as substitute interns. They should anticipate transportation delays or cessation of service and plan to be at the hospital on time to provide patient care. In some cases, this may necessitate making arrangements with the site leader for staying at the hospital or in walking distance.
Students on other required rotations (Ambulatory and Neurology) and electives should report to duty whenever transportation services resume. Any student who can walk or safely arrange alternative transportation is encouraged to report for duty. All students on ambulatory rotations are advised to confirm that their site is open that day and to contact their site leaders to let them know when they will be reporting for duty. End of clerkship examinations will take place on the scheduled day and students are expected to be present, even if the school is officially closed.

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IV. Definitions

None.

V. Effective Date

Effective as of: 4 June 2018

VI. Policy Management and Responsibilities

The Responsible Office under this Policy is the Office of the Student Affairs. The Responsible Executive for this Policy is Einstein’s Executive Dean. The Responsible Officer under this Policy is Einstein’s Associate Dean for Student Affairs.

VII. Approved (or Revised)

Responsible Executive

Date