



# Lexington Office of Homelessness Prevention & Intervention

## Emergency Weather Plan

This Emergency Weather Plan provides a coordinated response for times when extreme cold or other weather related circumstances create additional, immediate need for expanded capacity to assist people experiencing homelessness in Lexington. Extreme temperatures or unusual amounts of snow or ice often force people to seek shelter who may not otherwise seek assistance. In some cases, people struggling with mental illness may not seek shelter and require additional intervention for their own safety. This plan ensures Lexington is prepared for these situations.

The Emergency Weather Plan will be activated on any day when temperatures are expected to be consistently below 32 degrees and/or when weather conditions otherwise dictate as determined by the Office of Homelessness Prevention and Intervention. Any time the plan has been activated the Office of Homelessness will notify local media, provide updates on social media, and notify all organizations that work with people experiencing homelessness. Additionally, United Way of the Bluegrass will extend hours at its 2-1-1 call center so that all calls regarding shelter or weather-related assistance may be directed through 2-1-1's resource and referral network.

It's important to note that, unless otherwise stated, these shelters and services are always available to people in Lexington who experience homelessness. The Emergency Weather Plan activates some changes such as transportation or extended hours but Lexington is fortunate to have a strong network of shelters and service providers that is able to meet most needs even during weather emergencies.

## 24-hour Emergency Shelters

24-hour emergency shelters *welcome all eligible people* during emergency weather including former residents under suspension for disciplinary or programmatic reasons. Exceptions may include individuals suspended for violence and decisions will be made case by case.

## Unaccompanied Women and Women with Children

Salvation Army  
736 W. Main Street  
Lexington, KY 40508  
859-252-7706

- Services Available: Safe Housing, Meals, Showers, Warm clothing as available.

## **Unaccompanied Men**

Hope Center  
360 W. Loudon Avenue  
Lexington, KY 40508  
859-252-7881

- Services Available: Emergency Shelter, clothing, Meals, On-site HealthFirst clinic, non-medical detox, Kynector available to assist with insurance applications, Employment Information, Access to Hope Center programming (Veteran's Program, Mental Health, Men's Recovery, Employment, Social Services), and other services as needed.

## **Children and Youth Ages 6 weeks to 17 years**

Arbor Youth Services' MASH Drop Inn Center  
536 West Third Street  
Lexington, KY 40508  
859-254-2501

- Services Available: Individualized attention to secure basic needs and appropriate shelter.

## **Day Shelters – Daytime Warming Centers**

Day Shelters/Daytime Warming Centers are facilities open during daytime hours as a place for individuals and families with no other place to seek refuge from emergency weather conditions. Each facility may have its own eligibility criteria for entrance.

### **New Life Day Center**

224 North Martin Luther King Blvd.  
Lexington, KY 40508  
859-699-2500

- Operating Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.;  
Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- Services: Connections to employment, clothing, medical care, Social Security, and other resources; storage lockers available.

### **Catholic Action Center**

400 E. Fifth Street  
Lexington, KY 40508  
859-255-0301

- Normal Operating Hours: Daily 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Open 24 hours during activation of Emergency Weather Plan
- Services: Meals, Showers, Phone Service, Connection to Social Services.

**Arbor Youth Services Street Outreach Center**

**(youth 18-25 years old and their children)**

540 West Third Street

Lexington, KY 40508

859-254-2501

- Operating Hours: Daily 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (extended hours as needed – no one turned out to the street)
- Services: Individualized attention to secure basic needs and appropriate shelter

In addition to the above listed sites, the **Lexington Public Library's** 6 locations are available for people with no place to go who need to get out of the weather. Libraries are provided with resource lists they can make available to those who arrive seeking assistance. Library locations and hours are listed below:

**Beaumont Branch**

3080 Fieldstone Way

Lexington, KY 40513

**Hours:**

Mon. - Thurs.: 9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Friday: 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturday: 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

**Central Library**

140 E. Main St.

Lexington, KY 40507

**Hours:**

Mon. - Thurs.: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Friday: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

**Eagle Creek Branch**

101 N. Eagle Creek Dr.

Lexington, KY 40509

**Hours:**

Mon. - Thurs.: 9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Friday: 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturday: 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

**Northside Branch**

1733 Russell Cave Rd.

Lexington, KY 40505

**Hours:**

Mon. - Thurs.: 9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Friday: 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturday: 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

**Tates Creek Branch**

3628 Walden Dr.

Lexington, KY 40517

**Hours:**

Mon. - Thurs.: 9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Friday: 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturday: 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

**Village Branch**

2185 Versailles Rd.

Lexington, KY 40504

**Hours:**

Mon. - Thurs. 9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Friday 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

## Transportation

For some people experiencing homelessness transportation to a shelter or between shelters is a significant barrier. Cost or access or even knowledge of transportation options could prevent them from accessing shelter and getting out of dangerous weather. The following transportation options are available when the OHPI Emergency Weather Plan has been activated:

**HopeMobile Cold Patrol** – The HopeMobile is a program of the Hope Center and when winter weather creates significant risk for those on the streets their Cold Patrol hits the streets to visit known locations and camps where people experiencing homelessness can be found. Those located are offered transportation to emergency shelter and, if they refuse, are provided with blankets and other weather appropriate materials.

**Compassionate Caravan** – Operated entirely by volunteers associated with the Catholic Action Center, the Compassionate Caravan consists of volunteer drivers visiting places people are known to frequent when experiencing homelessness. Caravan volunteers offer people a ride to the most appropriate shelter of their choice. If the individual refuses the ride then volunteers provide blankets and other weather appropriate materials.

**LexTran** – Any time the OHPI Emergency Weather Plan is activated then people in need of a ride to a homeless shelter may board LexTran buses at no charge. However, riders must state the shelter to which they need transportation, must ride along existing routes, must transfer to a route with shelter access, and must disembark at the stop nearest that shelter. Drivers may ask riders to disembark if they are clearly not riding to shelter.