

Emergency Declaration 2021-005

AN EMERGENCY DECLARATION RELATED TO SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS IN THE COUNTY

WHEREAS, Delaware County has been impacted by or is immediately threatened by the following emergency conditions:

- a. A significant accumulation of snow;
- b. Blowing and drifting snow which makes travel on the roads difficult;
- c. Consistent sustained winds over 15 mph with gusts exceeding 30 mph which make clearing the roads difficult now

WHEREAS, the emergency conditions threaten the lives, property and general welfare of the citizens of Delaware County; and

WHEREAS, a declaration of emergency due to the conditions is warranted by the Board of Commissioners.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF DELAWARE COUNTY that:

1. An emergency condition exists or threatens to exist in Delaware County by virtue of the snowfall and sustained winds and that said disaster emergency for these conditions as set forth herein shall be in existence for the next few days and shall expire on the 16th day of February, 2021 at the end of business on said date, unless renewed or extended.
2. This emergency declaration is in addition to Emergency Declaration 2021-04 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic which has existed in the County for more than 10 months previous.
3. The County has the following options to consider during the course of the emergency as to the travel conditions of the roads. Those options are as follow:
 - a. A travel advisory status of “Caution” means that a condition may develop that limits or hinders travel in isolated areas. Under “Caution”, no travel restrictions have been placed in effect by county officials but citizens should be alert to changing conditions. The county’s travel advisory status begins at a starting level of “Caution,” and will remain at that level unless and until it is changed by the EMA office.
 - b. A travel advisory status of “Advisory” means that routine travel or activities may be restricted in areas because of a hazardous situation. Citizens should use caution or avoid these areas. Schools and businesses may begin to implement their emergency action plans. Also considered to be a “yellow” level.
 - c. A travel advisory status of “Watch” means that conditions are threatening to the safety of the public. Only essential travel is recommended (i.e. to and from work, emergency situation, etc.). Emergency action plans have been or should now be implemented by businesses, schools, government agencies and other organizations. Also considered to be an “orange” level.
 - d. A travel advisory status of “Warning” means that travel may be restricted to emergency personnel only. During a Travel Warning, all citizens are called upon and directed to refrain from all travel, to comply with necessary emergency measures, to cooperative with public officials and disaster services forces in executing emergency operations plans, and to obey and comply with the lawful directions of properly identified officers. Also considered to be a “Red” level.
4. The County road condition level shall be placed at “Orange” until modified based upon the recommendation of the Delaware County Emergency Management Agency.

5. This declaration shall do the following:
- A. Activate the response and recovery aspects of all applicable disaster emergency plans as set out and administered by the Delaware County Emergency Management Agency (DCEMA).
 - B. Authorize the DCEMA to arrange for or furnish aid and assistance under its weather emergency disaster plan.
 - C. Authorize the DCEMA to declare travel advisory, watches or warnings as determined by the conditions of the roads, bridges and highways in the County during the emergency conditions.
 - D. The County building and Delaware County Justice and Rehabilitation Center shall be closed to employees and the public except for 24 hour operations and employees.
 - E. All operating forces will direct their communications and requests for assistance and operations directly to DCEMA.
6. The Board of Commissioners reserve to themselves all appropriate emergency measures to deal with the weather emergency as per I.C. 10-14-3-29; 10-14-3-22.5 and 10-14-3-22.6.

Dated this 15th day of February, 2021.

James King
James King, President

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Attest:

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