



Milford Youth Center Weather Advisory

The purpose of this Weather Advisory document is to ensure the health and safety of youth participants, staff and volunteers during hazardous weather conditions. This advisory establishes procedures and guidelines for monitoring weather conditions and determining program modifications, delays, or cancellations. This advisory applies to all outdoor programs, activities, field trips, and events operated by the Milford Youth Center, including outdoor activities.

The full-time administrative staff will monitor weather through reliable sources and in accordance with the guidance from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, these sources include but are not limited to:

- The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Advisory for Recreational Camps and Municipal program operators: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/heat-related-illness-and-preventative-measured-for-recreational-camps-for-children-0/download>
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued guidance on preventing heat-related illness: <https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/extremeheat/heattips.html>
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) HeatRisk dashboard: <https://ephtracking.cdc.gov/Applications/HeatRisk/>
- Advisory and Situational updates from MEMA
- Weather guidance from the National Weather Service
- Any guidance or advisories from the Department of Public Health

In the case that Milford or the area in which the camp is traveling to is under an extreme* heat advisory the outdoor trip will automatically be cancelled, and rescheduled if possible. All activities for camp will remain indoors for the duration of the extreme heat advisory.

In the case that Milford or the area in which the camp is traveling to is under a major* heat advisory, full-time staff will review the resources listed above and consult with the appropriate personnel consisting of one or more of the following, to determine whether outdoor camp activities can safely continue as scheduled.

- Deputy Management Director of Emergencies for the Town of Milford
- Our nurse consultant for the current camp year
- Director of the Milford Board of Health
- Milford Fire Chief

Outdoor programs will be moved indoors or canceled if weather conditions are determined to pose a safety risk to the health and well-being of youth participants, staff, or volunteers at the Milford Youth Center.

Participants who are considered high risk due to medical conditions—such as asthma, diabetes, or other health conditions—or those taking medications that may affect their ability to safely tolerate certain weather conditions may require additional consideration. In these situations, parents or guardians may choose to keep their child home from camp for that day if they have concerns about the participant's health, safety, or overall well-being.

**Heat advisory classifications are in reference to the CDC Heat Risk Dashboard as listed above*