

IFFP INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY AND PROCEDURE

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Purpose: The intent of the IFFP Inclement Weather Policy is to ensure the safety of members and staff attending Gatherings at St. Mark or while in transit. It also aims to develop mechanisms by which decisions can be made swiftly and in response to emerging weather conditions, and to communicate those decisions to the community.

Guidance: Whenever possible, IFFP will defer to pronouncements from the Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS). However, when MCPS does not issue guidance in advance for Sunday mornings, IFFP leadership will make a decision about meeting in person based on consultation with reputable sources such as the National Weather Service (NWS) to best predict weather developments.

Procedure: If MCPC cancels or announces a delayed start, any scheduled IFFP gathering or other event will be cancelled. If MCPS does not make an announcement, by 7:30 am on the morning of a scheduled in-person Gathering, the Board Chair will consult with a designated staff member to determine whether the Gathering and Sunday school will take place in person, online, or be canceled.

Time Frame: IFFP community members will be informed by 8:00 am on the date of a Gathering of any changes to the regularly scheduled events. Members are also encouraged to check local news sources and MCPS announcements.

Dissemination: Members will be informed via Constant Contact email. Staff will also update the website, Google Group, and post to Facebook and Instagram.