

# Zion Christian Children's Center

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## Inclement Weather Policy

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ZCCC follows the lead of Louisa County Public Schools on when to delay, close, or dismiss early due to inclement weather. The safety of our children and staff is the most important factor in determining whether to delay or close. We do not take closing lightly and have many factors to consider when making the call.

Major factors considered in the decision to close school:

- Conditions that would prevent safe travel for the students and staff.
- Our staff lives in Buckingham, Charlottesville, Fluvanna, Louisa, and Orange. Half of our staff travels 45 minutes, one way, to get to ZCCC.
- Forecasted severe or dangerous weather.
- DSS ratios and CDC guidelines preventing us from combining pods due to low staff numbers.
- Other conditions which could cause unsafe situations for students and staff.
- Recommendations and information from local law enforcement and VDOT.

Making the decision:

- If LCPS has issued a 2-hour delay due to weather, or weather-related road conditions, ZCCC will also 2-hour delay. Our day begins at 7a.m. so we would open at 9a.m.
- If LCPS closes school due to inclement weather, we will evaluate the situation and notify families by 6 a.m. if ZCCC plans to close.
- If LCPS closes early due to forecasted severe weather, ZCCC will also close early.

In the event of a 2-hour delay or closing (early or full day) ZCCC families will be notified via Facebook, email, and text of the changes. If we determine it is safe to open and LCPS closes, we will offer a Kids Day Off for our elementary aged children.

Thank you in advance for your understanding in this matter!

**ZCCC Administration**