



# County Commissioners of Kent County, MD

## Department of Parks & Recreation



### WEATHER CANCELLATION GUIDELINES & ANNOUNCEMENT POLICY

Weather closing information and general announcements are posted via Rainout Line – our exclusive notifications and alerts method for updates, changes, cancellations and more related to weather, programs, events, swimming pools and parks. As weather conditions warrant, we do our best to announce weather related changes no later than 7:30 am for morning programs and 3pm for evening programs on the day in question. Individual phone calls will not be made. For information on our Rainout Line platform and how to sign up to receive alerts click <http://www.kentparksandrec.org/Rainout%20Line%20Info%20Flyer.pdf> or visit <https://rainoutline.com/search/dnis/410429140>.

**KENT COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER (KCCC):** In general, when Kent County Public Schools (KCPS) (are closed, close early, or cancel after school and evening programs due to inclement weather, *all regularly scheduled Kent County Parks and Recreation (KCPR) youth programs at all schools and the Community Center are closed*. In this case (generally), the Community Center and Parks and Recreation facilities will be open to the public on a drop-in basis when Kent County Government is open, however the operating schedule may be adjusted as needed as weather conditions warrant or in case of emergencies. *If Kent County Government offices have a delayed opening or liberal leave is in effect, all morning programs that are scheduled to start time before 10 am are closed.*

**SCHOOL YEAR ANNOUNCEMENTS (SEPTEMBER - MAY):** In general, if Kent County Public Schools (KCPS) are closed, close early, or cancel after school and evening programs, all programs at all schools are closed. KCPR youth programs at the KCCC and KCPR facilities are closed when county facilities remain \*open. KCPR adult programs at KCCC will be open when county facilities remain \*open.

If KCPS are one hour or 90 minutes late, morning programs are open. If KCPS are \*two hours late, morning KCPR programs are closed. These general policies do not necessarily apply to programs offered by private vendors (please refer to program description) at the Community Center as they determine their opening and closing schedules when the Community Center remains \*open on a normal operating schedule when there is inclement weather.

**\*All programs are closed when the Snow Emergency Plan or the State of Emergency Plan is in effect, however, should a Plan be lifted by 2 pm, evening adult programs will generally be open. In consideration of other factors, programs may be cancelled and will be determined on a case by case basis.**

**\*The status of morning and afternoon adult program will be determined based on and pending Kent County Government’s opening status.**

**\*On a case by case basis when KCPS are two hours late, it may be determined that morning adult programs will be open when the Kent County Government and KCCC is open on time.**

**WEEKEND/SUMMER ANNOUNCEMENTS:** In general, announcements for weekend and/or summer programs and events held at the KCCC or KCPR facility are posted by 8 am on the day in question (whenever possible). Decisions for programs with a start time before 8 am will be posted by 10 pm the night before. From time to time circumstances may not allow for postings to be made in the general time frames