

## **FAQ**

### **Severe Weather Services**

#### **1. What are Severe Weather Services?**

- Each year, Multnomah County experiences intermittent bouts of significant inclement weather referred to as Severe Weather. These weather conditions increase the risk factors for people sleeping unsheltered, posing an immediate danger to the life and health of unsheltered people, especially those living with medical or mental health conditions that render them more vulnerable in inclement weather.
- During Severe Weather, easy-to-access, life-saving services are deployed across our community to ensure that anyone sleeping unsheltered has access to safe, dry daytime and overnight shelter.
- Transition Projects opens and operates severe weather shelter services in Multnomah County at night and expanded day services during these events.

#### **2. What are the weather triggers for Severe Weather?**

- Forecasted temperature or wind chill 25° F (-3.9° C) or below
- Forecasted snow accumulations of 1.0 inch or more sticking to the ground in most locations.
- Forecasted temperature at or below 32° F (0° C) with driving rain of 1.0 inch or more overnight.

#### **3. What overnight shelters are available to unsheltered adults and couples?**

- Day Center at Bud Clark Commons: 650 NW Irving, Portland
  - Overnight shelter for 125 women, men, and couples
  - Open from 8:30pm – 7:00am
  - Animals, bikes, carts welcome
- Imago Dei Community Center: 1302 SE Ankeny, Portland
  - Overnight shelter for 125 women, men, and couples
  - Open from 8:30pm – 7:00am
  - Animals, bikes, carts welcome
- Sunrise Community Center: 18901 E Burnside, Portland
  - Overnight shelter for 75 women, men, and couples
  - Open from 8:30pm – 7:00am
  - Animals, bikes, carts welcome
- Shelter is easy-to-access by walking up – no reservation is needed
- No alcohol/drug use permitted onsite

#### **4. What day services are available to unsheltered adults and couples**

- The Day Center at Bud Clark Commons: 650 NW Irving, Portland
  - Expanded capacity for people seeking daytime shelter
  - Coffee, showers, movies

## 5. How can I get involved?

### ○ **Work a shift!**

- We need people to help us staff the shelters and programs, as well as provide these life-saving services.
- Shifts:
  - 7pm - 12am
  - 12am – 6am
  - 5:30am – 8:30am

(For TPI Staff: We will have some program-specific shifts available during daytime hours, see your supervisor for more info).

### ○ **Recruit volunteers!**

- We are actively seeking volunteers to help staff severe weather services. Volunteers will work alongside Transition Projects staff.
  - Volunteers with medical backgrounds are encouraged to participate to help triage, assess, and refer guests with medical needs.
  - **All volunteers must complete a background check and attend a mandatory agency volunteer orientation.**
  - For more questions or to sign-up, please contact Emily Coleman: 503.488.7745 or [emily.coleman@tprojects.org](mailto:emily.coleman@tprojects.org)

## 6. Training:

- Basic orientation for Severe Weather services is mandatory for all staff and volunteers.
- Staff should check-in with their supervisor about attending
- Volunteers can sign-up by contacting Emily Coleman: 503.488.7745 or [emily.coleman@tprojects.org](mailto:emily.coleman@tprojects.org)

### **Bud Clark Commons – MultiPurpose Room**

665 NW Hoyt St (parking very limited)

October 12<sup>th</sup> – 11am-1230pm

October 14<sup>th</sup> – 5pm-630pm

October 25<sup>th</sup> – 1pm-230pm

October 26<sup>th</sup> – 1130am-1pm

### **East Portland Office – Conference Room**

12151 NE Halsey (parking lot on site)

October 18<sup>th</sup> – 5pm-630pm

October 19<sup>th</sup> – 10am-1130pm

October 21<sup>st</sup> – 5pm-630pm

## 7. Who do I call with questions?

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