

LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM EVENT
Inclimate Weather Evacuation Plan and Lightning-Safety Policy

In the event of incimate weather for events held in LHS Stadium, the following procedures will be implemented to effectively clear the stadium and provide for the safety and welfare of spectators, staff, and participants in an appropriate fashion.

- Weather forecasts will be monitored throughout the day of the event to prepare for the pending weather and to initiate the process of communicating with event administrators and staff as to the probability of severe weather.
- Public address announcer will be provided with announcements that will be read at intervals throughout the event as to possibility of in climate weather and the plan for evacuation if necessary.
- The event staff including administrators on duty, the officiating crew (if an athletic event), the athletic trainer (same), press box personnel (same), security personnel, and/or coaches/sponsors with primary supervisory responsibilities as led by the event coordinator will be particularly diligent in observing weather including anticipation of lightning, severe winds, or other weather events including hail, etc. All event staff are designated as weather watcher with the chain of command being the AD for athletic events, and ranking of administrative team to follow. Electronic weather watch technology will be available in the press box area.
- In the event of lightning, the standard method of determining a course of action includes the “flash-to-bang” count of :30 seconds or less as a minimal determinant of when to suspend activities. Waiting 30:00 minutes or longer after the last flash of lightning or sound of thunder is recommended before activities are resumed.
- If the “flash-to-bang” method indicates suspension of play, the following courses of action will be implemented.
 1. The administrative lead will communicate with the public address announcer to initiate evacuation of the facility. Front gate supervisors (athletic event) will unlock and fully open the main entrance gate, the pass gate, and the band gate behind the home bleachers. Additionally, the custodial crew will be responsible for unlocking all access points to the large gymnasium and pulling out the bleachers for seating for spectators. The restrooms in the lobby area will need to be unlocked as well.
 2. The coaches (athletics) will escort their teams to respective locker rooms.
 3. The official’s host (athletics) will escort the officiating crew to their locker room.
 4. Public Address announcer and security staff will continue to coordinate the stadium evacuation until all clear and will communicate with lead administrator when complete.
 5. All spectators are to follow one of two courses of action; a) evacuate the stadium to the large gym area in the most direct path through the student parking lot or b) proceed to cars and depart the campus. Once stadium is cleared, administrative team is to provide direction and support for spectators to the large gym. Administrative team will stay in the large gymnasium.
 6. Lead event administrators will then monitor weather conditions to see if activities can be resumed within an acceptable time frame. Event officials including AD, coaches, trainer, and officiating crew will determine at what point play will be moved from suspended to cancelled and any re-scheduling necessary as a result. That decision will be relayed to spectators in the large gym area as appropriate.