

# EMERGENCY Closings & Delays



Occasionally, schools must open late, close early or close because of severe weather or other emergencies. Up-to-date information is just a phone call or a click away.

## ▶ ACPS Information Hotline

703-866-5300

## ▶ ACPS Emergency Alerts

[www.acps.k12.va.us/lists](http://www.acps.k12.va.us/lists)

## ▶ ACPS Emergency Announcements Web Page

[www.acps.k12.va.us/emergency](http://www.acps.k12.va.us/emergency)

## ▶ ACPS-TV

Channel 71

## ▶ Local Media

Television and radio stations including WTOP, NBC, CBS, NBC, ABC and FOX.

## Know Before You Go

The ACPS Office of Communications and Public Relations coordinates all emergency communications from the Superintendent's Office. During an emergency situation, the department serves as the liaison between the schools, community and the media.

When ACPS closes or opens late because of inclement weather, it is our goal for notification to go out by 5 a.m. Announcements are publicized in the following order:

1. **ACPS Information Hotline:** 703-866-5300
2. **ACPS Emergency Alerts:** Subscribe to email and text alerts at [www.acps.k12.va.us/lists](http://www.acps.k12.va.us/lists)
3. **ACPS Emergency Announcements Web Page:** [www.acps.k12.va.us/emergency](http://www.acps.k12.va.us/emergency)
4. **ACPS-TV:** Channel 71 in the City of Alexandria
5. **Local television and radio stations**

For other emergencies, we announce information as early as possible. Parents should make arrangements for the care of their children. When schools close early or for the entire day, all after-school activities and athletic events are canceled.

**The opening or closing of the federal or City of Alexandria government does not impact the opening or closing of schools.**

## Do You Have an Emergency Kit?

Having an emergency supply kit is essential to making it through a weather emergency. Make sure to have supplies on hand to last each person in your household at least three days. Essential items include:

- Food
- Water
- First Aid Kit
- Flashlight
- Batteries
- Sanitation Supplies
- Your Necessary Prescriptions
- Battery-Powered/ Hand-Crank Radio

Visit [www.readyvirginia.gov](http://www.readyvirginia.gov) for help.

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