

Dallas Emergency Shelter Collaborative Inclement Weather Plan

Included Organizations:

Austin Street Center
 Dallas Life Foundation
 Family Gateway (families only)
 The Bridge
 The Salvation Army
 Union Gospel Mission

Inclement Weather Policy:

Emergency shelters will activate inclement weather protocols following the first three (3) consecutive evenings in December where temperatures drop below 36 degrees (actual temp). Until the inclement weather triggering event occurs, emergency shelters will open overflow space on a night by night basis when temperatures drop below 36 degrees. After the triggering event, inclement weather protocols will remain in effect until March 1st and shelters will make available overflow space regardless of night by night temperatures.

The Shelter Collaborative may choose to extend or terminate inclement weather protocols depending on weather conditions. In either of these cases, the Shelter Collaborative will notify the community in advance.

During inclement weather, shelters will accept 24/7 admissions.

Shelters that have available overflow space will utilize said space during inclement weather. Overflow shelter space is only open and available during inclement weather and when all local shelters are operating at capacity. Shelter staff will be in regular communication regarding capacity and coordinate shelter placements for those with available beds.

Overflow Space

Emergency Shelter	Overflow Capacity	Notes
Austin Street	No overflow capacity	
Dallas Life Foundation	Up to 50 open beds nightly	5 nights free, \$12 per night thereafter
Family Gateway (families only)	Limited overflow space, but will make accommodations for families	Families can come directly to shelter at 711 S. St. Paul and extra on-call support will be activated if deep nights; or call 1-888-411-6802
The Bridge	50 beds	No Sex Offenders at night but day shelter is provided for all people experiencing homelessness unless they have been criminally trespassed.
The Salvation Army	Men: 50 mats on the floor in the gym/dayroom Women: 20 mats on the floor in the dayrooms	Day shelter is for those who are residing at the shelter when temperatures are expected to stay at or below 36 degrees during the day. No sex offenders.
Union Gospel Mission	75 cots	

***Additional overflow space provided by local churches is available when temperatures fall below freezing. Access will be coordinated through the homeless service providers**.*