

# Camano Senior Services Association (CSSA) & 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Thrift Shop

## Weather & Emergency Closure Procedure

### Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure the safety of members, customers, volunteers, and staff during severe weather or emergency conditions, while providing consistent and timely communication regarding program delays, closures, or cancellations.

### Closure Decision Authority

The Executive Director has the authority to determine closures, delayed openings, early closures, or program cancellations.

### School District Closures (Road Conditions)

- When the local school district closes schools due to **road conditions**, CSSA & 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Thrift will **also close** for the day.
- This applies primarily to snow, ice, flooding, or other conditions that make road travel unsafe or parking lots dangerous.
- School closures due to holidays or school specific issues will NOT affect CSSA.
- All staff and members are encouraged to sign up for Stanwood-Camano School District text alerts at [www.stanwood.wednet.edu](http://www.stanwood.wednet.edu)
- 2-hour delays will only serve as a warning to the Center that the roads may be dangerous. We will not have a 2-hour delay.

### Independent Closure Decisions

CSSA may close, delay opening, or cancel specific programs **regardless of school district status** when conditions pose a safety risk, including but not limited to:

- **High winds** or wind advisories
- **Snow or ice accumulation** occurring after school decisions are made
- **Poor air quality**
- **Facility safety concerns**
- **Local or regional emergency advisories**
- **Center will be open during regular hours during power outages for as long as solar battery system allows.**
- **Thrift Shop will be closed during power outages.**

## **Communication of Closures**

When a closure or change in operations occurs, the Center & Thrift Shop staff will communicate as promptly as possible if we have internet and phone service. Website, social media, and recording will be updated as soon as possible. Phone calls will be made to group leaders and an email will be sent to all email addresses in our database.

## **Program-Specific Considerations**

Certain programs may be canceled even if the facility remains open, particularly those that:

- Require physical exertion
- Involve transportation services
- Serve medically fragile or cognitively impaired participants
- Occur during early morning or evening hours

## **Individual Judgment**

Members, participants, volunteers, and staff are encouraged to use their own judgment regarding travel during adverse conditions. Choosing to stay home due to personal safety concerns will be respected.

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