



Sissy's Little Lambs Children's Center  
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## Inclement Weather

Sissy's Little Lambs Children's Center utilizes an inclement weather policy to ensure the safety of our families and teachers during inclement weather. This policy is in place to allow additional travel time to the Center for the safety of all.

### Who makes the decision?

Ultimately, Little Lambs' administrators are responsible for the final decision based on the above factors and recommendations from our plow service that are out on the road observing transportation conditions. Often our directors consult with other area center directors who are similarly affected by inclement weather/school closures.

### When is the decision made?

We strive to make the decision to close by 4:45 a.m. or earlier so we can notify parents immediately via **email**, **text message**, and **Facebook**. Please keep in mind that unusual weather conditions may force us to make the decision after this time. It is quite possible that building issues could arise and not be discovered until after 6:30 a.m. In those cases, decisions on Center closure may be made later in the morning.

### Will we close Little Lambs if conditions worsen?

If conditions worsen throughout the school day, we may need to have an early dismissal, but we will give as much notice as possible through the previously mentioned methods of communication. However, it is very important for parents to have plans in place in case the decision needs to be made later. We encourage you to consider driving conditions. Always allow yourself plenty of time in the afternoon to pick up your child when the Center closes early.

Although we do our absolute best in this process, we know that often no perfect decision exists. Use your best judgment, if you do not feel that it is safe for your child to attend, please contact us so we may be informed.

Sissy's Little Lambs will base the decision to open or close the Center on a careful analysis of all relevant factors, including:

- Information on road conditions from transportation staff, local law enforcement, and road crews
- Amount of snow and/or ice accumulated
- Whether precipitation will continue throughout the day
- Temperature and wind chill
- Weather predictions (including those from a weather alert service)
- Storm timing, trajectory, and projection
- Building conditions (such as whether our building's electricity and/or heat service is disrupted)
- Parking lot conditions

\*Generally, Sissy's Little Lambs will be closed or delayed for inclement weather when local school districts and government are both closed or delayed. Still, our Center has its exclusive circumstance.