

**Severe Weather Notification Plan  
Advanced Teaching and Research Building  
Effective February 17, 2022**

**SEVERE WEATHER DEFINITIONS**

**Severe Thunderstorm Watch** – Conditions are favorable for severe thunderstorms.

**Severe Thunderstorm Warning** – Storms with large hail, frequent lightning, and/or wind gusts of 58 mph or more have been reported or indicated on radar. Seek shelter inside and stay away from windows.

**Tornado Watch** – Conditions are favorable for a tornado to form in the watch area. Pay attention to the weather and be prepared to take shelter.

**Tornado Warning** – A tornado has been reported in the area; take shelter immediately.

**SEVERE WEATHER GUIDELINES**

EH&S Weather Coordinator: Donna Moore.

These steps will be followed to alert staff:

- An email message will be sent to PPEM staff to alert them of a **Tornado Watch**.
- If you hear outdoor warning sirens or are under a **Tornado Warning**:
  - Contact the main office (515-294-1741 or in-person).
  - Activate the Weather Alert button in the department office – 1344 ATRB.
    - **Please note the alarm will sound. Staff are to proceed to the Severe Weather Shelter Area. The alarm will not stop until turned off by an FPM staff member.**
  - Proceed to the severe weather shelter and escort all guests that are in the building to the shelter.
  - If time permits, notify all staff currently out of the building.
  - Weather coordinators will take a means to monitor weather conditions to the shelter.
  - Staff should remain in the shelter until the danger passes, the warning time expires, and no other warning has been issued.

**PPEM Severe Weather Shelter Areas:**

- **ATRB – Basement Corridor**

**Important notes:**

- When severe weather is possible, staff should stay aware of surrounding weather conditions and get weather updates from local media, the internet, or weather applications installed on their cell phone.
- Staff working outside should pay attention to weather conditions. If you hear thunder, you are close enough to the storm to be struck by lightning and should move indoors.
- Emergency maps posted in buildings indicate the location of severe weather shelter areas.
- Staff working in other buildings should familiarize themselves with the notification plan and shelter areas within those buildings. Look for these signs designating severe weather shelters in campus buildings.
- Take shelter immediately when the outdoor sirens are activated.

