

Natural Disasters and Extreme Weather
CODE GREEN

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A weather **WATCH** means conditions exist for a weather emergency

- Be on the look-out for potential danger
- Listen to the radio, upload radar on available Computers
- Be ready to take appropriate action

A weather **WARNING** means a weather emergency is occurring

- Danger is imminent
- Take cover immediately

Threatening or severe weather relates to any severe weather including but not limited to: Tornados, hailstorms, high winds, severe thunderstorms.

WEATHER WATCH/WARNING PROCEDURE

1. If potentially severe weather conditions exist, the Home will receive a call from the Emergency Management division of the County of Lambton.
2. Upon receiving a weather **watch**, monitor the weather alert radio and/or other media (TV, radio, computer, Environment and Climate Change Canada). Continue normal duties but pay attention for threatening conditions.
3. A weather **warning** will be announced by Environment Canada and communicated through various media outlets. Take action immediately.
4. The Charge Nurse will announce to staff in the building the "Code Green - weather warning."
5. The Charge Nurse will direct staff, assign responsibilities and make the decision about moving residents to safety.

Duties:

- If **weather warning** is issued, move residents away from windows and skylights to inside corridor close to the center core area of the building.
 - Close all windows, resident doors and activate door markers appropriately, blinds and drapes in the hallways, activity spaces etc.
 - **Day & Afternoon Shift** - the Registered staff member will account for residents in their assigned home areas, and report back to the Charge Nurse of any residents unaccounted for.
 - **Night Shift** - the PSW's will account for residents in their assigned neighbourhoods, and report back to the Charge Nurse of any residents unaccounted for.
6. Remain with the residents in your assigned area awaiting further directions or the all clear signal from the person in charge.

FOLLOW-UP

Once **ALL CLEAR** is announced:

1. Assist residents in getting back to their rooms.
2. Nursing staff must check again to ensure that all residents are accounted for.
3. Report weather alerts and follow up actions taken