



Health Alert

February 1, 2011

Blizzard warning in effect from 3 p.m. Tuesday until 3 p.m. Wednesday *Avoid travel if at all possible*

The National Weather Service in Chicago has issued a blizzard warning that is in effect from 3 p.m. Tuesday to 3 p.m. Wednesday. The Weather Service is predicting that conditions will rapidly deteriorate Tuesday afternoon, making travel likely to become virtually impossible at times Tuesday night. Snow fall rates of 2 to 3 inches an hour are possible at times, with accumulations in excess of 12 inches. Northwest winds of 20 mph to 40 mph and stronger gusts will produce whiteout conditions. The Health Department is encouraging residents to stay home unless it is absolutely necessary. If you must travel, be sure to carry a winter survival kit. If you become stranded, stay with your vehicle.

Below are some links that you may find useful:

- Winter Storm Preparedness Guide
 - http://www.iema.illinois.gov/disaster/pdf/iema333_winter_storm_preparedness_guidebook.pdf
- Winter Weather: Take Steps
 - <http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/winter/takesteps/>
- Winter Storms and Extreme Cold
 - <http://www.ready.gov/america/beinformed/winter.html>
- Winter Health Tips
 - <http://www.idph.state.il.us/public/hb/hbwinter.htm>
- National Weather Service Weather Forecast Office
 - <http://www.crh.noaa.gov/lot/>

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