



Preparation for Potential Power Outages Due to Winter Weather

DHEC is currently tracking a weather system which may have an impact on South Carolina over the upcoming weekend.

In anticipation of unusually cold and inclement weather, we would like to remind all COVID-19 vaccine providers to refer to their emergency backup plans should power be lost due to winter storms. Prior to any weather event, DHEC recommends that you check-in with your COVID-19 vaccination backup site on available storage capabilities. If your COVID-19 vaccination backup site does not have capabilities to store vaccines, please consider alternate back up power options. Please stay tuned to your local news station on the development of winter storms or consult the [National Weather Service](#) and discuss actions you should take in preparation for inclement weather.

Here are some quick tips to help you prepare, if needed:

Know the person responsible for preparing and transporting vaccine in event of emergency
Ensure your backup digital data logger is ready for transporting vaccines.

Contact the alternate storage facility in advance to ensure they are prepared to receive the vaccines.

Ensure that the alternate storage facility's back-up generator is operational.

Ensure that your site has all packing materials available for emergency transport (refer link for flyer- CR-0011683- "[Packing Vaccines For Transport during Emergencies](#)").

Check for these items in advance and prepare them in anticipation of the storm.

Delay in Vaccine Deliveries for Week of January 17, 2022

DHEC will be delaying deliveries for the week of January 17. Due to the uncertainty with the potential inclement weather this upcoming weekend, DHEC plans to resume shipment deliveries beginning Tuesday January 18, however, additional delays may occur due to weather-related delivery interruptions in other areas.

Please send questions to COVIDVaccines@dhec.sc.gov.