

CORNERSTONE ELEMENTARY COMMUNITY SAFE ROOM

Community safe rooms are opened when the National Weather Service issues a Tornado Warning for our area, or a Severe Weather Event with winds in excess of 75 mph is expected for our area and the tornado sirens are activated. Community safe rooms are intended to save lives by providing a safe space that has been designed and constructed to resist the wind forces and debris impacts from a storm or event. They are equipped to provide only the basic essentials in order to protect their occupants and to support their intended purpose (e.g., water, basic sanitation, basic first aid, and some electricity). Since the purpose is life safety for a minimum specified duration, community safe rooms are not equipped to provide for long term essential needs.



COMMUNITY USE

During school hours, students and staff have **priority** for Safe Room occupancy. **The safe room will not be open for public use during school hours.** The Safe Room will be open to public use after 5pm on weekdays while school is in session. During the weekends and when school is not in session the safe room will be available to the public throughout the day and evening when a warning has been issued and the tornado sirens are activated. A list of basic rules will be posted in the Safe Room. Occupants who cannot adhere to these basic rules or are disruptive to the orderly function of the safe room will be referred to security or law enforcement and maybe removed from the facility. The Safe Room will remain open only until the warning is lifted. When the warning expires, the Safe Room must be evacuated.

PARKING & LOCATION

Parking for use of the Safe Room will be in the lower parking lot of Cornerstone Elementary – DO NOT park in the traffic loop located on the east side of the school as that is for emergency personnel only. Cornerstone Elementary Safe Room is the gymnasium located on the eastside of the building. Entry into the Safe Room will be only through DOOR # 7 located on the Southeast corner of the gymnasium.

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