



INCLEMENT WEATHER GUIDELINES FOR ELKTON FALL FEST

For Elkton Fall Fest, the safety of our attendees, staff, and participants is our top priority. While we strive to hold the event as planned, weather conditions are always closely monitored to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone.

Weather-Related Cancellation Policy:

1. Event Continuation:

Fall Fest will proceed as scheduled rain or shine and we encourage attendees to plan accordingly for varying weather conditions.

We will not cancel the event due to light rain, drizzle, light wind, or other minor weather disturbances.

2. Severe Weather Definition:

Fall Fest will only be canceled or interrupted in the event of severe weather that poses a significant risk to the safety and well-being of attendees, staff, or participants.

Severe weather includes, but is not limited to:

- Lightning or severe thunderstorms
- Tornadoes or tornado warnings
- High winds (above 40 mph)
- Flash flooding or hazardous flooding conditions
- Hailstorms

Any other weather event as determined by local authorities or our event management team to pose an immediate safety risk; this will include any unforeseen weather conditions that may pose a significant electrical hazard to the staff and public (for example- rain runoff that puddles to pose an electrical hazard threat).

3. Decision-Making Process:

The decision to delay, cancel, or modify the event due to severe weather will be made by the event management team in consultation with local weather services and authorities.

Announcements regarding any changes will be made via our official communication channels (e.g., email, website, social media) as soon as a decision is made.

4. Refunds:

No refunds or credits will be issued for weather-related interruptions. If the event is canceled due to severe weather, the event organizers will issue refunds for vendors for the affected day/days only and do so within 10-15 business days. This refund will be 50% of your original vendor fee. The Elkton Alliance, Inc. and its affiliates are **not responsible** for any costs incurred by vendors or participants related to the event including but not limited to cost of food or beverages, materials, supplies, or equipment purchased for the event, and labor costs or preparation time.

Should any of the following triggers occur or become forecasted for the time of the event, the event will be cancelled or, if appropriate, temporarily postponed for safety reasons. Temporary interruption of the event means just waiting for a determined period until the immediate hazard passes, if the schedule allows.

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NOTE: This checklist addresses only the most unsafe weather conditions and is used as an internal guideline for cancelling or delaying elements of the event:

ADVANCED NOTICE TIMEFRAME	TRIGGER TO CANCEL EVENT:	TRIGGER TO TEMPORARILY DELAY ELEMENTS OF EVENT:
0 - 48 Hours	☐ Hurricane or Tropical Storm Warning ☐ Snow Storm Warning	
0 - 24 Hours	☐ Heat Advisory or Excessive Heat Watch ☐ High Wind Watch (excess of 40 mph) ☐ Winter Weather Advisory ☐ Wind Chill Advisory	
0 - 12 Hours	☐ Tornado Warning ☐ Severe Thunderstorm Warning ☐ Flash Flood Warning ☐ Excessive Heat Warning ☐ Wind Advisory excess of 40 mph	
During Event	☐ Observed Heat Index more than 108°F ☐ Observed Wind Chill less than 0°F ☐ Observed winds more than 40 miles per hour ☐ Flash Flood Warning	☐ Significant Weather Advisory ☐ Lightning occurs within 8 miles of event

Special Considerations: Extra caution, advanced planning, and proactive weather monitoring will be undertaken for this event due to large crowds, tents, inflatables, and limited shelter capacity nearby.

SPECIAL EVENT CONTINGENCY PLANS INCLUDE:

- **Securing Loose Objects:** Should strong or severe weather occur during the event, disassemble tall signage and secure any item that could be blown over or present a safety risk.

- **Weather Disturbances:** We encourage vendors to remain open and serving. Whether that's using sides for any tents that you bring to block rain/wind/etc., or other measures so that you are prepared, we recommend that you procure the necessary supplies to stay operational. In the event of a weather disturbance in which the event is continuing, and you decide to close we understand; however, you will not be permitted to bring any equipment/vehicles into the barricaded areas until Saturday after 5:00 PM, unless otherwise noted by the event organizers.

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