



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT
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A MESSAGE FROM THE
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DJJ Winter Storm Warning Advisory

Governor Deal declares State of Emergency starting at 2 p.m. Wednesday DJJ advises employees to monitor events in their area

In response to a Winter Storm Warning declared for 50 counties in North Georgia Wednesday, Governor Nathan Deal has ordered state offices in the affected areas to close at noon Wednesday. Please review the full message below.

The Governor has declared a state of emergency for disaster preparedness to begin at 2 p.m. Wednesday.

All state employees and all DJJ Correctional and Emergency staff will report to work at their regular times Wednesday morning.

Governor Deal will hold a noon news conference on Wednesday to update actions and forecasts.

Commissioner Avery D. Niles advises DJJ staff to monitor WSB Radio and TV, the ReadyGA Emergency phone application, other local broadcasts, and the DJJ website for updates throughout the day.

END DJJ ADVISORY – GOVERNOR DEAL RELEASE BELOW



Governor Nathan Deal
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Deal: State of emergency to begin at 2 p.m.

Governor orders state offices in counties under storm warning to close at noon

In response to a winter storm warning declared for 50 counties in the northern portion of Georgia tomorrow, Gov. Nathan Deal this evening ordered state government offices in the affected areas to close at noon tomorrow and declared a state of emergency for disaster preparedness starting at 2 p.m. Wednesday.

“With forecasts showing we could see accumulation by 4 p.m., I want to make sure we get as many commuters home before then as possible,” said Deal. “While current models show that temperatures will remain above freezing, we don’t want to run the risk of having normal rush hour traffic volume if there’s snow or ice on the highways. In an effort to keep as many cars off the road as possible, I encourage people in both the public and private sector who can telecommute to please do so tomorrow.

“We have delayed the state of emergency until the time that we expect to see precipitation, but I’ve made all state resources available tonight for preparation.”

The Georgia Department of Transportation has moved 80 additional staffers into affected areas from other parts of the state. At midnight, DOT will mobilize 13 tanker trucks to apply brine to major highways. The State Patrol will deploy 174 troopers for rapid response to accidents, and it will mandate that all tractor trailers pull in to weigh stations to assure that trucks have the proper equipment for travel in snow/ice conditions. The Department of Natural Resources will place 15 strike teams across the 50 counties to aid in storm response and debris removal.

Deal will hold a news conference tomorrow at noon in the Governor’s Office to discuss preparations and updated forecasts.

The 50 counties in the winter storm warning are Banks, Barrow, Bartow, Carroll, Catoosa, Chattooga, Cherokee, Clarke, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, Dade, Dawson, DeKalb, Douglas, Fannin, Fayette, Floyd, Forsyth, Franklin, Fulton, Gilmer, Gordon, Gwinnett, Habersham, Hall, Haralson, Hart, Heard, Henry, Jackson, Lumpkin, Madison, Morgan, Murray, Newton, Oconee, Oglethorpe, Paulding, Pickens, Polk, Rabun, Rockdale, Stephens, Towns, Union, Walker, Walton, White, Whitfield counties.

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