



## INCLEMENT WEATHER

Keisho Center understands that our decision to open, close, or delay school during inclement weather often disrupts family schedules. Our top priority is the safety of our students and staff. The decision to close or delay school is not easy, and the process is complex and involves many variables.

### **Keisho Center will close when:**

- The host facility (e.g., Norwood School) is closed, and we cannot access the building.
- Weather or other conditions make travel to and from school hazardous.
- A power outage or other circumstances make it difficult or hazardous to conduct classes.

### **Keisho Center will delay opening until 10 AM when:**

- Weather or road conditions for early morning travel are hazardous, but the forecast calls for clearer weather after 9 AM.
- If Keisho Center opens at 10 AM, dismissal will be at the regularly scheduled time of 12:30 PM.

### **Deciding to Open, Close, or Delay School:**

When weather or other circumstances are a factor, and the host facility is open, Keisho Center will decide to open or close. The General Manager, Core Group, and/or Board members (the “weather team”) who live in different parts of the Washington metropolitan area will consult via phone, text, and email. They will review the travel conditions in their areas and decide as a group whether to:

1. Open school on time
2. Delay the opening of school until 10 AM
3. Proceed with a scheduled activity held off-campus
4. Delay the start of a scheduled activity held off-campus
5. Cancel school
6. Cancel scheduled activity



### **Notification:**

If weather conditions are uncertain or if there is a closure or delayed opening:

- *Website*  
We will post a message on Keisho Center's homepage (keisho.org).
- *Social Media*  
We will post a message on Keisho Center's Facebook (facebook.com/keishocenter).

Keisho Center will make every effort to decide to close school by Friday at 9 PM. If the forecast is uncertain, we will assess the weather forecast and road conditions in the morning. We will decide whether to open, close, or delay the opening by 7 AM.

If there is no announcement, we will have classes/activities as planned.

The General Manager will contact appropriate Norwood School staff to inform them about the decision to open, close, or delay by 7 AM.

### **Makeup Days:**

Keisho Center has several snow makeup days built into the school calendar. When in-person classes are canceled due to inclement weather, we prefer to schedule them on snow makeup days rather than shift to distance learning. However, this will not always be possible. If Keisho Center opts for distance learning on a makeup day, detailed information, such as an updated schedule and Zoom access codes, will be included in an email.

Tuition is NOT refunded when classes or other activities must be canceled. Refunds of activity fees will be decided on a case-by-case basis and will depend on whether Keisho Center can get a refund for expenses already incurred.

If Keisho Center does open, we understand that each family must do what is safest and best for them. If your child will be absent, please text or call Keisho Center at 703-868-3241 to inform us.