

Holiday Closing/Weather Closing/Cancellation Policy

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Parks and Centre Cancellation Update Phone: 573-364-0847

The Centre is closed on major holidays:

Fourth of July
Christmas Day
New Year's Day
Labor Day
Memorial Day
Thanksgiving Day
Easter

The Centre is open on all other observed holidays – Martin Luther King Day, Presidents' Day, Veterans' Day, Columbus Day, day after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve day etc.

The Centre does close early on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, with the time based on which day these fall on.

Every effort is made to hold events and activities. However, the safety of staff and participants will be placed above any possible inconvenience.

The Weather Closing/Cancellation Policy is designed to protect the safety and lives of residents, guests, participants and staff, many of whom, both members and staff, live outside of Rolla city proper. This policy is also designed to maintain the essential operations of the Parks and Recreation Department. Staff strives to operate facilities and programs regardless of weather – closing or canceling is a last resort.

Centre

The Centre stays open unless the weather is deemed problematic and advisories from local police, emergency personnel or the highway patrol are recommending that people not be out due to road conditions, temperature etc. That decision is made by the director, in tandem with the city administrator, with input from law enforcement and public works (streets).

Athletic Fields

City of Rolla will not allow play under field moisture conditions that contribute to unsafe play or that would damage the fields and significantly lessen their safety and suitability for future play. No play is to take place when the soil moisture is so high that there is standing water, or footing is unsure, or grass plants may be readily pulled up by play.

The Parks & Recreation Department makes a decision on whether to cancel or allow games two hours prior to the scheduled game times. A decision to cancel games will be posted on the Weather Cancellation Line.

If it should begin to rain within two hours of the game time or during a game, the Recreation Manager is responsible for making the cancellation. On special tournaments, such as district, state, regional and national tournaments, the Recreation Manager will also make all cancellation decisions.

If teams continue to participate in either a game or practice after the decision to cancel has been made, the team(s) may be responsible for all damages to the field and all player liability. Failure to make restitution for field damages and/or repeated problems may result in the team(s) being prohibited from further participation or use of athletic fields.

The Centre

The Centre will open on time or at an announced later time based on weather conditions and the status of snow removal. Staff will assess weather conditions throughout the day. In the event of notice of severe weather in the form of tornado warning and/or sounding of emergency city sirens, patrons will be ushered to the locker room area and will stay there until administrative staff gets the all clear from city emergency management personnel.

SplashZone

Facility Closure Policy: Management Staff has the right to choose not to open or close early under the following circumstances:

- Inclement Weather Policy: The pool will not open if the air temperature is below 70 degrees and the skies are cloudy.
- The water and deck will be cleared for at least 30 minutes in the event of:
 - Lightning or thunder (see or hear): When thunder is heard or lightning is seen, the water is to be cleared and patrons moved to safety. Lifeguards must exit guard stand after the water is cleared and also move to safety. The facility will remain closed for 30 minutes following each occurrence. All patrons and staff must completely clear the deck and seek shelter in the locker room or concession area.
 - Emergency warning siren sounds
 - Tornado warning or watch
 - Heavy rain or winds obscure visibility. If rain is heavy enough to prohibit any guard from seeing the bottom, the guard needs to immediately notify the Manager. The Manager will determine when the water is to be cleared.
 - Low attendance policy: the pool will close when a minimum of 60 minutes have passes with five patrons or fewer swimming and/or entering the facility.

Centre Youth Activities (Monday-Friday)

All youth programs, including swim lessons, are cancelled when Rolla Public Schools close due to inclement weather. This is detailed in the youth program handbook that all parents receive and sign for with Centre recreation programs. In the event of the following: Thunderstorm or Tornado Watch: Youth programs will run as scheduled; Thunderstorm or Tornado Warning: Youth programs are automatically cancelled while the warning is in effect. Once warning is lifted, programs will run as scheduled. Classes cancelled due to inclement weather will be made up at a later date. Please call the Weather Cancellation Line for the latest list of

cancellations. Further, while scheduled youth activities may be cancelled, if the facility is open, the marketing team will inform the public of the availability of the pool, gym and other appropriate youth activities, based on the age policy of the Centre.

Youth Activities (Saturday & Sunday)

Weather conditions will be assessed (see above) and any cancellations and closures will be posted on our Weather Cancellation Line no later than 1 hour prior to the program start time.

Centre Adult Activities (Monday-Friday)

All Centre morning adult programs and classes scheduled to begin before 9:30 a.m. will be cancelled when Rolla Public Schools close due to inclement weather. Adult programs scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. or later will be assessed for both the time of class and for the projected forecast following the class by the appropriate manager, either the fitness manager or the aquatics manager. If conditions improve significantly during the day prior to that time, the manager of that department will reassess the viability of holding classes. This will remain true throughout the remainder of that's day's class schedule. The morning water fitness class schedule is determined by that instructor. Any additional cancellations and closures will be posted on our Weather Cancellation Line no later than 2 hours prior to the program start time. Updates will also be made via social media. Members may sign up for an email notification update as well. Centre group fitness classes will not be held on Christmas Eve or the day after Thanksgiving.

Adult Activities (Saturday & Sunday)

Weather conditions will be assessed and any cancellations and closures will be posted on our Weather Cancellation Line no later than 1 hour prior to the program start time. Centre group fitness classes will not be held on Christmas Eve or the day after Thanksgiving.

School Delays

If Rolla Public Schools are delayed due to fog, snow or rain, all adult activities will run as scheduled. Youth activities scheduled to begin before 9:00 am will be cancelled. Youth activities scheduled to begin at 9:00 am or later will run as scheduled.