

EVENT DELAY AND POSTPONEMENT POLICIES
WESTERN DISTRICT

NOTE: THESE POLICIES APPLY ONLY TO POSTPONEMENT OF HEARINGS AND MEDIATIONS. TO DETERMINE WHETHER A WCOA OFFICE IS CLOSED, PLEASE CONSULT THE ALERTS SECTION OF THE WCAIS HOME PAGE.

Altoona: Live hearings and mediations scheduled to take place in the Altoona office will be conducted virtually when the Penn State University Altoona Campus is closed due to inclement weather. <https://psualert.psu.edu/psualert> Live hearings and mediations scheduled to take place in the Altoona office prior to 10:00 a.m. will be conducted virtually when the Penn State University Altoona Campus is on a two-hour delay due to inclement weather.

Brookville: In the event of a delay or postponement, all live events (hearing or mediation) will automatically be changed to a virtual event. Counsel and unrepresented parties will be notified as soon as possible of the change and a TEAMS invitation will be provided to all interested parties with an email address. The parties will be given the opportunity to request a continuance rather than proceed virtually.

Clearfield: Live hearings and mediations scheduled to take place in the Clearfield office will be conducted virtually when the Penn State University Dubois Campus is closed due to inclement weather. <https://psualert.psu.edu/psualert> Live hearings and mediations scheduled to take place in the Clearfield office prior to 10:00 a.m. will be conducted virtually when the Penn State University Dubois Campus is on a two-hour delay due to inclement weather.

Erie: The Judges generally do not cancel an entire day, but liberally approve individual requests to cancel individual hearings due to weather conditions. For remote sites, such as Meadville, Warren, Hermitage, and Smethport, a determination to cancel a hearing or mediation date will be made no later than 24 hours prior to the date of the hearing or mediation, when possible.

Greensburg: In case of a Greensburg Salem School District delay or closure, virtual hearings and mediations will take place as scheduled. For in-person hearings and mediations, counsel may make a request to the WCJ that the event take place virtually. Counsel should check their e-mail and WCAIS for any schedule changes. <http://www.greensburgsalem.org>

Indiana: For hearings that are held at the Indiana County Career Link, in the event of inclement weather, all remote hearings will remain as scheduled. Live hearings may be converted to remote hearings. To the extent practicable, a WCJ holding live hearings will

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advise the parties by 4:00 the day before as to whether the live hearings will be switched to remote ones. Parties with a live hearing scheduled on a day when inclement weather is expected should regularly check their email and WCAIS for updates.

Johnstown: In the event of inclement weather, all remote hearings will remain as scheduled. Live hearings may be converted to remote hearings. To the extent practicable, a WCJ holding live hearings will advise the parties by 4:00 the day before as to whether the live hearings will be switched to remote ones. Parties with a live hearing scheduled on a day when inclement weather is expected should regularly check their email and WCAIS for updates.

Lewistown: Live hearings and mediations scheduled to take place in the Mifflin County Courthouse in Lewistown will be conducted virtually when the Penn State University Park Campus is closed due to inclement weather. <https://psualert.psu.edu/psualert> Live hearings and mediations scheduled to take place in the Mifflin County Courthouse in Lewistown prior to 10:00 a.m. will be conducted virtually when the Penn State University Park Campus is on a two-hour delay due to inclement weather.

Monaca: In the event of inclement weather, all remote hearings will remain as scheduled. Live hearings may be converted to remote hearings. To the extent practicable, a WCJ holding live hearings will advise the parties by 4:00 the day before as to whether the live hearings will be switched to remote ones. Parties with a live hearing scheduled on a day when inclement weather is expected should regularly check their email and WCAIS for updates.

New Castle: The Judges with in-person hearings and mediations in New Castle will be flexible as weather and needs dictate. The same is true in the remote locations such as Butler and Hermitage. Judge Russell will follow Pittsburgh policies for in-person events in the Pittsburgh office. Events may, if necessary or requested by agreement, be converted to virtual. Parties with a live hearing scheduled on a day when inclement weather is expected should regularly check their email and WCAIS for updates.

Pittsburgh: In the event of inclement weather, all remote hearings will remain as scheduled. Live hearings may be converted to remote hearings. To the extent practicable, a WCJ holding live hearings will advise the parties by 4:00 the day before as to whether the live hearings will be switched to remote ones. Parties with a live hearing scheduled on a day when inclement weather is expected should regularly check their email and WCAIS for updates.

State College: Live hearings and mediations scheduled to take place in the State College Borough Building will be conducted virtually when the Penn State University Park Campus is closed due to inclement weather.

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<https://psualert.psu.edu/psualert> Live hearings and mediations scheduled to take place in the State College Borough Building prior to 10:00 a.m. will be conducted virtually when the Penn State University Park Campus is on a two-hour delay due to inclement weather.

Uniontown: In case of bad weather, the WCJ scheduled to conduct an in-person hearing or mediation in Uniontown will determine whether the in-person event will be cancelled, postponed, or turned into a virtual event. Attorneys will be called and/or emailed to notify them about any such change to the schedule. If any party has questions or concerns pertaining to any particular hearing or mediation, they can call the Uniontown WCOA office at (724) 439-7420.

Washington: In the event of inclement weather, all remote hearings will remain as scheduled. The WCJ scheduled to conduct an in-person hearing or mediation in Washington will determine whether the in-person event will be cancelled, postponed, or switched to a remote event. The parties will be advised by phone or email regarding any changes to the schedule. Parties with a live hearing or mediation scheduled on a day when inclement weather is expected should regularly check their email and WCAIS for updates. If any party has questions or concerns pertaining to a particular hearing or mediation, they should call the Washington WCOA office at (724) 223.4594.