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MEDIA ADVISORY

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**SEVERE WEATHER PROMPTS LOCAL RESPONSES
FOR HOMELESS POPULATION**

The National Weather Service predicts severe weather for the Portland area in the next several days, which will impact vulnerable individuals and families living on the streets. A winter storm is expected this weekend, with temperatures dropping into the 20s and teens beginning on Sunday. These conditions are expected to persist through the following Wednesday, December 17.

Anyone seeking shelter should contact *211Info* by dialing 2-1-1. *211Info* will be available to identify available shelter and warming centers between 8:00 AM and 10:00 PM, Monday through Friday, and 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM Saturdays and Sundays.

In addition to existing year-round shelter facilities, the City of Portland and Multnomah County are partnering with local community providers to provide the following seasonal warming center facilities:

FAMILY-FOCUSED WARMING CENTER – OUTER NE:

- Location:** 1435 NE 81st Avenue, Portland
(near NE 82nd and Halsey, just off the NE 82nd MAX stop)
- Dates:** seven nights a week through the end of March
- Hours:** 7:00 PM - 7:00 AM, check-in on site
- Serves:** Families with children under 18; a second adult-focused shelter will open on Dec. 18

RED CROSS SEVERE WEATHER WARMING CENTER – SE

- Location:** Portland Foursquare Church, 1302 Ankeny St. (at 13th Ave)
- Dates:** Saturday, December 13 until severe weather passes (through Wednesday morning, December 17)
- Hours:** 9:00 PM - 7:00 AM, check-in on site
- Serves:** Families, single adults, and youths; pets allowed; some space for carts; accessible location (main floor)

RED CROSS SEVERE WEATHER WARMING CENTER – NW

- Location:** Central City Concern's Estate Hotel, 225 NW Couch
- Dates:** Saturday, December 13 until severe weather passes (through Wednesday morning, December 17)
- Hours:** 9:00 PM - 7:30 AM, check-in on site
- Serves:** Families, single adults, and youths; Pets allowed; some space for carts; accessible location (elevator)

Please contact *211Info* with questions regarding other shelter and transportation resources.

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