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Storm update: State Emergency Operations Center ready to assist communities in need

Some state offices closed Monday in conjunction with local governments

LANSING, Mich. – Gov. Rick Snyder provided an evening update on the severe winter weather affecting Michigan, announcing he partially activated the state's Emergency Operations Center as of 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 5, in an abundance of caution and due to the historic nature of National Weather Service predictions.

A partial activation means that key emergency management personnel from essential state agencies will report to the center, bolstering the strongest, seamless coordination with local officials and available 24-7 to respond to local requests if needed.

Snyder also announced some state offices will be closed Monday, Jan. 6, in cooperation with local municipalities, who are closing offices to assist with local storm operations and snow removal.

Specifically, state offices will be closed in Lansing where local government leaders have announced they are shutting down their offices. The state will be working with other local jurisdictions on a case by case basis as conditions arise. Further updates will come from the Department of Technology, Management & Budget.

"The heavy snowfall and freezing temperatures have combined to create hazardous conditions in many areas of the state," Snyder said. "Public health and safety is our primary concern. Residents should heed advisories and stay off the roads if at all possible. State authorities continue to monitor the situation closely while sharing information and coordinating with communities. Let's all work together and make safety our top priority."

There have been no requests for state assistance at this time. The state continues to actively work with local communities and emergency management partner across the state to ensure they have all the resources they need to respond to this extreme winter weather.

Please check here for important safety tips and resources.