

Policy Number: HS 002	Title: Outdoor Play Weather
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POLICY: All early childhood classrooms will follow district guidelines or the KDHE approved Child Care Weather Watch for decisions regarding outside play in both hot and cold weather.

PROCEDURE:

During cold weather, precautions should be taken to cover exposed body parts and observe for signs of cold stress.

During hot weather, continue to strongly encourage fluids frequently when outside and when returning to the building. Avoid outdoor play during the hottest times of the day, noon to 4 pm.

If an individual can see lightning and/ or hear thunder, he is already at risk. Staff and children should not be outside for activities if thunder can be heard or lightning can be seen. If you are already outside, and you can hear thunder or see lightning, come inside immediately. You should stay inside for at least 30 minutes after the last sound of thunder or sighting of lightning.

Common sense should be part of the decision when determining whether to play outside.