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## **Champaign County EMA and Champaign-Urbana Public Health District Urge People to Prepare for Severe Weather**

*Severe Weather Preparedness Week in Illinois is March 6-10*

Champaign, IL – The Champaign County Emergency Management Agency (CCEMA) and the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District (CUPHD) urge everyone to prepare for severe weather. March 6-10, 2023 is Severe Weather Preparedness week in Illinois. Champaign County just had multiple severe weather events last week to include severe thunderstorm warning, multiple tornado warnings, and high wind warnings.

We cannot stop severe thunderstorms, lightning, or tornadoes from developing or happening, but there are things that everyone can do to minimize the impacts of severe weather on our lives and our families. According to the National Weather Service (NWS), the following daily topics will be on social outlets:

**Monday: Have a Plan**

**Tuesday: Tornadoes**

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**Wednesday: Lightning****Thursday: Wind and Hail****Friday: Flooding**

The Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) and the NWS developed a Severe Weather Preparedness Guide which provides information about tornadoes, severe storms, lightning, and flooding along with recommended actions to take before, during, and after each of these weather events. It is available on the Ready Illinois website at [www.Ready.Illinois.gov](http://www.Ready.Illinois.gov). The NWS, Lincoln also has a Severe Weather Safety web page at: <https://www.weather.gov/ilx/> for numerous tornado, severe storm, flooding and lightning safety graphics.

Preparedness tips and information are also available through the Ready Illinois Facebook Page ([www.facebook.com/ReadyIllinois](http://www.facebook.com/ReadyIllinois)) and Twitter Page ([twitter.com/ReadyIllinois](https://twitter.com/ReadyIllinois)). For local information, go to Champaign County EMA (<https://www.facebook.com/ChampaignEMA>) and Twitter Page ([twitter.com/ChampCoEMA](https://twitter.com/ChampCoEMA)).

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