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## Bitter cold temps, snow blanket area ... and it's not done

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Meteorologists are calling this snow event a possible historic occurrence, and it's looking like they may be right.

Snow started to fall on the area Sunday night. It rested until about later Monday morning when it reappeared.

And fall it did — for much of the day.

The National Weather Service in Paducah called it all along — significant accumulations of snow “along with blowing and drifting snow, and bitter cold will make for extremely dangerous travel conditions.”

That's not all.

NWS meteorologists are warning of “bitterly cold-sub-zero wind chills” into Tuesday morning.

Oh, and they're not done.

“This is not the only storm we will be dealing with this week. A second significant winter storm may affect the area sometime later Wednesday into Thursday,” according to an alert from the Weather Service Monday.

And, “impacts from today's (Monday) heavy snow will last well into mid week.”

On Monday, Gov. Andy Beshear urged people to stay off the roads.

“We already have some accidents on our roadways,” Beshear said during a morning news conference. “It is slick and it is dangerous.”

NWS has issued a winter storm warning for central and western areas of the state and an ice storm warning for eastern Kentucky.



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Four-year-old Coen Chandler of Paducah launches a snowball at The Sun photographer in his yard as his mother, Mandy Chandler, looks on. For more photos of Monday's winter weather, see page A10.



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Kyle Lamb, of Paducah, snowboards along the street as he's towed behind a Jeep on Monday afternoon.

Paducah will see a high of 18 degrees for Tuesday with an overnight low of 9.

Wednesday, with the snow, will see a high of 27 and a low of 24; then snow

again Thursday with a high of 28 and a low of 10.

Now, here are some winter weather safety tips from NWS:

- Minimize travel.

- Stay indoors during the worst part of the extreme cold.

- Keep a winter survival kit in your vehicle if you must travel.

- Check tire pressure, antifreeze levels, heater/defroster, etc.

- Learn how to shut off water valves for potential pipe bursts.

- Check on the elderly.

- Bring pets inside.

- How should I dress? Wear layers of loose-fitting, lightweight, warm clothing, and a hat.

- Mittens, snug at the wrist, are better than gloves.

- Cover your mouth to protect your lungs from extreme cold.

- Try to stay dry and out of the wind.

## Historical horse racing picture unclear locally

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Whether or not the Historical Horse Racing bill approved last week by the Kentucky General Assembly would allow HHR wagering at the McCracken County-owned Carson Park is an open question.

The subject came up briefly during the Paducah Area Chamber of Commerce's Frankfort Forum last Thursday.

Senate Majority Floor Leader Damon Thayer, among the state officials featured in the Zoom forum, mentioned the HHR bill in his remarks, updating the chamber audience on some of the current legislation.

The forum was designed to highlight the chamber's legislative priorities, although HHR is not one of them.

Thayer, a co-sponsor of SB 120, said with its anticipated passage, “we're really on the cusp of something really great here. We need to be known not just for the Kentucky Derby

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## Benton teen aims for career in orthopedic surgery

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Marshall County High School senior Ethan Morgan hasn't struggled with choosing a profession to go into. It's something he's thought about for years, and he hasn't changed his mind. He wants to become an orthopedic surgeon.



Ethan Morgan

“A lot of people in my family had a lot of different orthopedic problems and it seems like we were always having surgery up there ... and I just started getting a real interest in it, tools and working on things,” Morgan said.

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## Senior center makes plan to give out meals as snow moves into the area

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With more snow on the way, the Paducah-McCracken County Senior Center is working to get meals to the people they help.

Executive Director Christine Thompson on Monday said they're making calls every day to check in on people, and find out what they need assistance with. The pandemic has shut down the senior center's in-person services and the

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## COVID-19 vaccinations rescheduled due to winter storm

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Local health care leaders have rescheduled this week's COVID-19 vaccination clinics for people 70 and older due to unsafe driving conditions from the snowstorm.

Mercy Health canceled its clinics on Tuesday and Wednesday at the Paducah Medical Pavilion, said Kevin Compton, public relations and communications manager for Bon Secours Mercy Health.

Mercy Health will contact anyone with appointments on those days to reschedule. Compton said Mercy Health plans to resume the clinic on Thursday if conditions are safe.

Baptist Health Paducah also decided to cancel Tuesday's and Wednesday's vaccination clinics at its educational meeting rooms at the rear of the Larry Barton Atrium. The hospital said people

with appointments scheduled for Tuesday will instead get vaccinated the following Tuesday, Feb. 23, according to a news release from the hospital.

Meanwhile, those with Wednesday appointments will get vaccinated either next Monday or Tuesday. Baptist Health said the change in appointments will be shown in MyChart, and the hospital will call all patients about their new dates and times.

The notification calls may not be from a 270 area code, but it's important for patients to answer since they cannot reschedule by calling the hospital.

As for west Kentucky's third regional vaccination site, the CFSB Center at Murray State, the Calloway County Health Department decided to hold its next clinic at the arena on Feb. 21, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The health department

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